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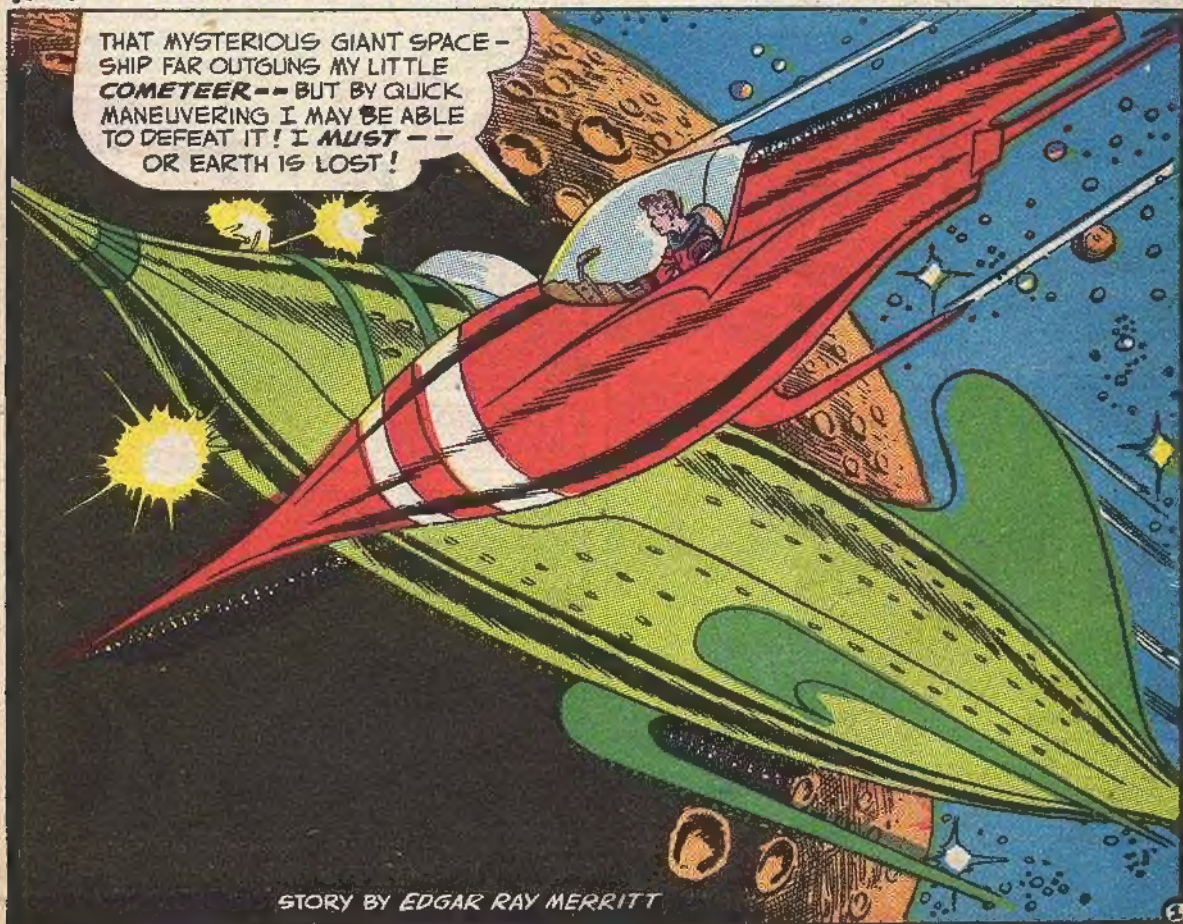
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CAPTAIN COMET

PEOPLE ON EARTH WERE DYING FROM LACK OF AIR! MYSTERIOUS MACHINES HAD LANDED -- INVULNERABLE TO ATTACK -- THAT WERE DRAWING AWAY THE WORLD'S PRECIOUS ATMOSPHERE! BUT IN THE FEARFUL CRISIS, EARTH FOUND ITS CHAMPION -- THE EXTRAORDINARY AND HEROIC **CAPTAIN COMET** -- WHO ALONE OF ALL HUMANS POSSESSED UNIQUE FUTURISTIC ABILITIES THAT ENABLED **THE MAN OF DESTINY** TO SEEK OUT AND DEFEY AN INCREDIBLE ENEMY THAT NONE COULD WITHSTAND...

The AIR BANDITS FROM SPACE!

THAT MYSTERIOUS GIANT SPACE-SHIP FAR OUTGUNS MY LITTLE **COMETEER** -- BUT BY QUICK MANEUVERING I MAY BE ABLE TO DEFEAT IT! I **MUST** -- OR EARTH IS LOST!



STORY BY EDGAR RAY MERRITT

FROM A RADIO STATION IN LOS NEGAS ON THE EDGE OF THE WESTERN DESERT, A HAGGARD REPORTER SPEAKS TO THE NATION...

HERE'S A SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION AT THIS MOMENT, FOLKS! THE AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THE HUGE **TOP** HAS COME HERE FROM ANOTHER WORLD...



"AN A-BOMB WAS DROPPED ON THE STRANGE AND OMINOUS OBJECT-- WITH NO EFFECT AT ALL..."

WE DIDN'T EVEN SCRATCH IT!

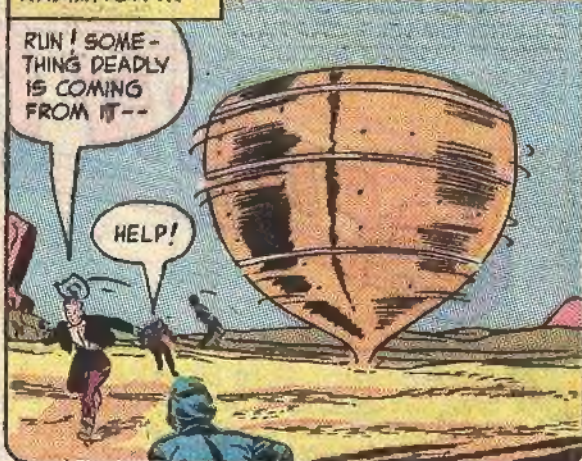
CONTACT HEADQUARTERS-- TELL THEM THE **TOP** IS INDESTRUCTIBLE!



"THE FIRST ONES WHO WENT NEAR IT WERE STRUCK DOWN BY MYSTERIOUS, INVISIBLE RADIATION..."

RUN! SOMETHING DEADLY IS COMING FROM IT--

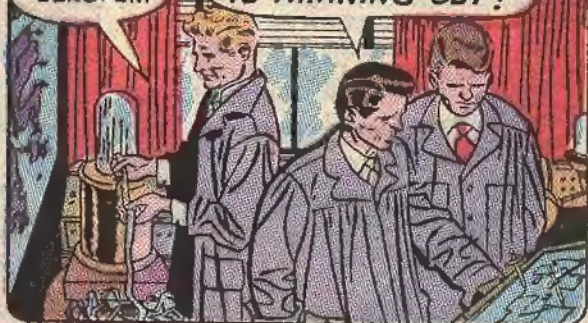
HELP!



"THEN... WORD FLASHED IN THAT MORE OF THE FANTASTIC MACHINES WERE APPEARING OUT OF THE SKY... ALL OVER THE WORLD..."

SIX MORE OF THE **TOPS**! TWO IN EUROPE...

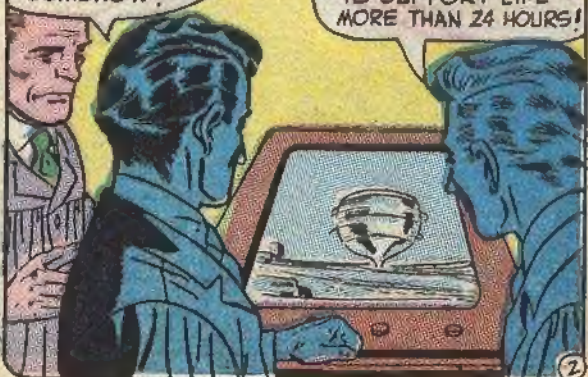
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS METEOROLOGICAL REPORT THAT JUST CAME IN! OUR **ATMOSPHERE IS THINNING OUT!**



"THE DREADFUL INTENT OF THE METAL INVADERS BECAME TERRIBLY CLEAR..."

THE **TOPS** ARE DRAWING IN OUR ATMOSPHERE-- DESTROYING IT SOMEHOW!

AT THIS RATE, THERE WON'T BE AIR ENOUGH ON EARTH TO SUPPORT LIFE MORE THAN 24 HOURS!



THERE'S ONLY ONE RAY OF HOPE IN THE GENERAL DESPAIR HERE.. A STRIKING FIGURE OF A MAN-- CALLING HIMSELF **CAPTAIN COMET**--PASSED THROUGH LOS NEGAS A FEW MINUTES AGO--HEADING FOR THE **TOP**-- NO ONE HAD EVER HEARD OF HIM...



-- BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT THE MAN THAT RAISED THE COURAGE OF ALL WHO SAW HIM! HOW HE CAN SUCCEED WHERE OTHERS HAVE FAILED IS NOT CLEAR...



IN A MIDWEST CITY, PROFESSOR EMORY ZACKRO HAS ALSO HEARD THE ALARMING BROADCAST...

ONLY ADAM BLAKE AND I KNOW WHO **CAPTAIN COMET** REALLY IS-- A STRANGE PHENOMENON-- A MAN BORN OUT OF HIS TIME... 100,000 YEARS TOO SOON!



"IN ONE OF THE TESTS I GAVE ADAM BLAKE, HE DRANK A DEADLY POISON..."

"ADAM BLAKE AND **CAPTAIN COMET**--HIS ALTER EGO-- ARE ONE PERSON! YET I CANNOT REVEAL THIS SECRET TO THE WORLD..."

...FOR EVIL MEN MIGHT SEEK TO USE ADAM'S AMAZING POWERS FOR THEIR OWN GAIN! BUT I KNOW ONE THING...IF **CAPTAIN COMET** CANNOT VANQUISH THE DREADFUL **TOPS**, NO ONE CAN --AND EARTH IS INDEED LOST!



ONE DROP OF THAT POISON IS ENOUGH TO KILL AN ORDINARY MAN! YOU DRANK THREE OUNCES!

IT MUST BE THAT MY FUTURISTIC BODY IS IMMUNE TO THIS ACID!



AT THAT MOMENT...THE FLASHING FIGURE OF THE **MAN OF DESTINY** NEARS HIS OBJECTIVE...

I CAN FEEL THE **TOP'S** LETHAL RADIATION NOW-- AS A SLIGHT TINGLING! I MUST BE IMMUNE TO ITS EFFECTS JUST LIKE I WAS TO THE PROFESSOR'S POISON...

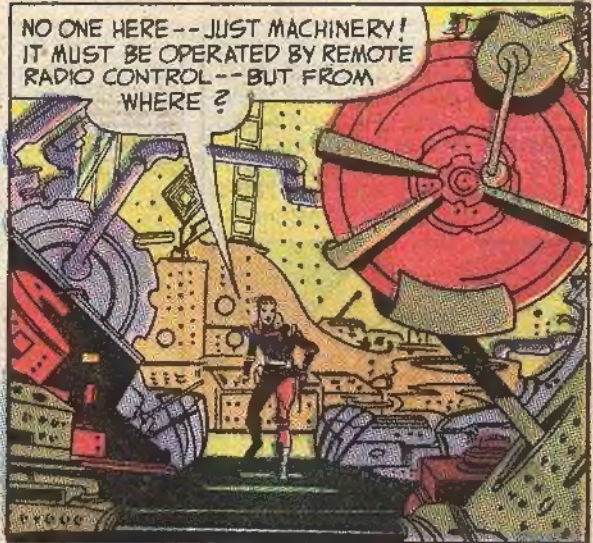


THE NEXT SECOND...FUTURISTIC MUSCLES
RIP OPEN HARD METAL PLATES WITH EASE...

NO SIGN OF AN ENTRANCE INTO
THIS OBJECT...BUT I CAN
MAKE MY OWN ENTRANCE!



NO ONE HERE--JUST MACHINERY!
IT MUST BE OPERATED BY REMOTE
RADIO CONTROL--BUT FROM
WHERE?



STILL UNAWARE OF ALL HIS ABNORMAL POWERS,
THE MAN OF DESTINY PREPARES AN EXPERIMENT...

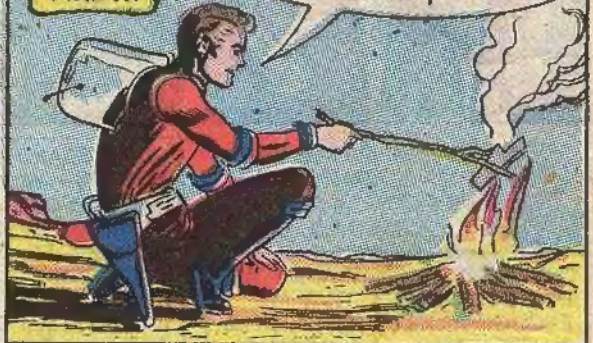
ORDINARY EYES CAN SEE ONLY
THE VISIBLE LIGHT SPECTRUM*
BUT MAYBE FUTURISTIC EYES
LIKE MINE CAN DETECT THE
INVISIBLE SPECTRUM WHICH
INCLUDES **RADIO WAVES**...



* **EDITOR'S NOTE**: THE COLORS FROM VIOLET
TO RED MAKE UP THE VISIBLE SPECTRUM. IN THE
INVISIBLE RANGE ARE X-RAYS AND RADIO WAVES.

A RANDOM
PIECE OF
GLASS IS
RAPIDLY
SMOKED
OVER A
FIRE...

HUMANS HAVE DARKENED
GLASS THIS WAY FOR AGES--
TO WATCH ECLIPSES OF THE
SUN! BUT I'LL MAKE THIS
GLASS COMPLETELY **BLACK**
TO SHUT OUT **ALL** VISIBLE
LIGHT!



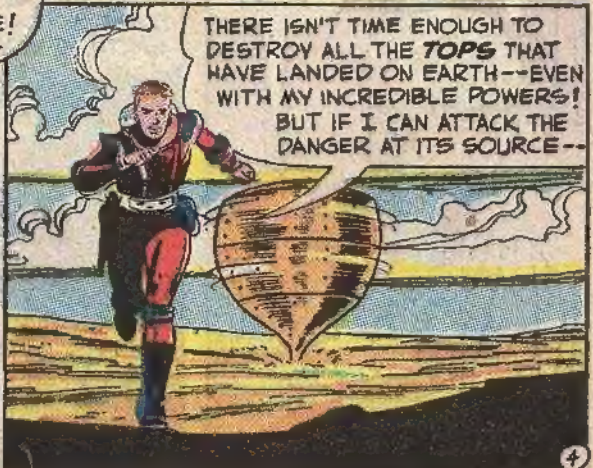
THEN...SUPER-
SENSITIVE EYES
SCAN THE SKIES...

YES--I CAN SEE THEM PLAINLY--
RADIOMAGNETIC WAVES COMING
FROM NEAR THE MOON! BUT NO
ONE COULD BE HIDING UP THERE!
OUR TELESCOPES WOULD DE-
TECT ANY UNUSUAL
ACTIVITY--**UNLESS**...



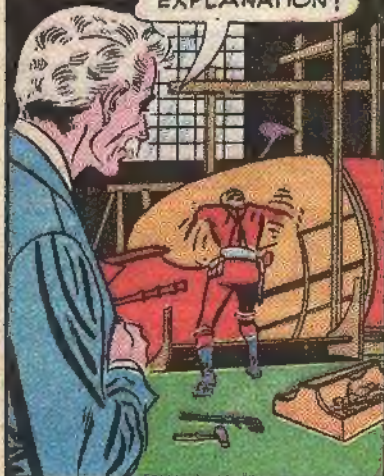
STRUCK BY A SUDDEN THOUGHT, **CAPTAIN
COMET** EXPLODES INTO INSTANT MOTION.

THERE ISN'T TIME ENOUGH TO
DESTROY ALL THE **TOPS** THAT
HAVE LANDED ON EARTH--EVEN
WITH MY INCREDIBLE POWERS!
BUT IF I CAN ATTACK THE
DANGER AT ITS SOURCE--



IN PROFESSOR ZACKRO'S SECLUDED LABORATORY... SOON AFTER...

EVEN THOUGH I KNOW ADAM IS A **MUTANT***-- WATCHING HIM WORK AMAZES ME! OF COURSE HIS MUSCLES CAN **NEVER** TIRE--THAT'S ONE EXPLANATION!

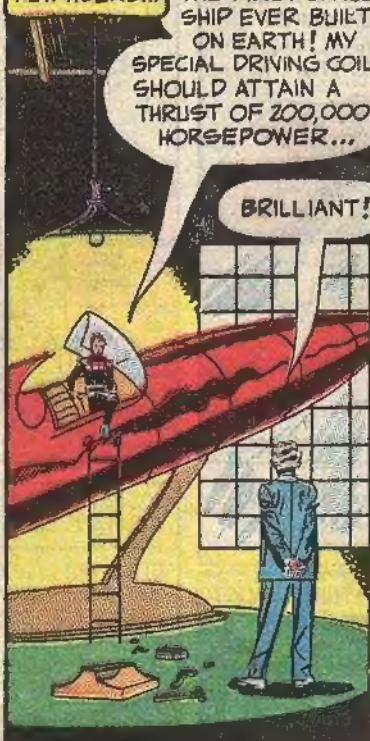


*EDITOR'S NOTE: A **MUTANT** IS A CHANGE, A SUDDEN JUMP IN THE SLOW EVOLUTION OF A SPECIES.

WITHIN A FEW HOURS...

THERE IT IS-- THE FIRST SPACE-SHIP EVER BUILT ON EARTH! MY SPECIAL DRIVING COIL SHOULD ATTAIN A THRUST OF 200,000 HORSEPOWER...

BRILLIANT!



MOMENTS LATER... A DAZZLING FLASH OF LIGHT STARTLES THE RESIDENTS OF A MID-WESTERN CITY...

CAPTAIN COMET WILL SAVE US! I KNOW HE WILL!

WHAT'S THAT? IT LOOKS LIKE A BRILLIANT NEW COMET!

BUT IT SEEMS TO **ARISE** FROM THE EARTH--



IN MINUTES, THE POWERFUL NEW **COMETEEER** GAINS THE VICINITY OF THE MOON...

THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE THE **TOP**-OPERATORS COULD BE CONCEALED UP HERE--AND THAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOON--THE FACE WHICH WE ON EARTH NEVER SEE!*



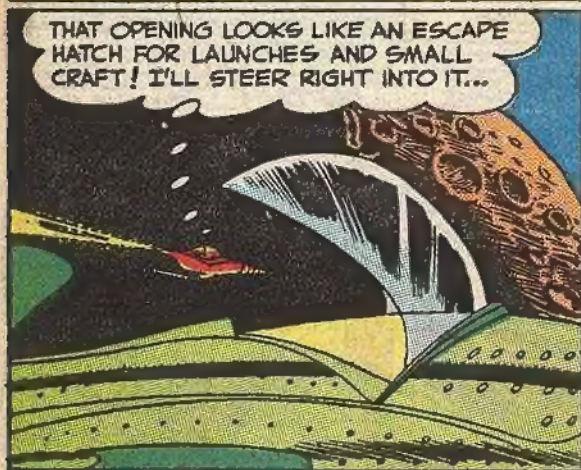
*EDITOR'S NOTE: THE MOON ALWAYS KEEPS THE **SAME** FACE TOWARD EARTH--AS A RESULT, ITS OTHER SIDE IS NEVER SEEN!

AS THE LUNAR ORB IS ROUNDED BY EARTH'S FIRST SPACEGOING CRAFT...

AN **ALIEN SPACESHIP** BIGGER THAN OUR GREATEST OCEAN LINERS--HIDDEN BACK HERE!



LIKE AN ARROW AIMED AT A GIANT TARGET, THE COMETEER DARTS IN AT THE HUGE VESSEL...



THAT OPENING LOOKS LIKE AN ESCAPE HATCH FOR LAUNCHES AND SMALL CRAFT! I'LL STEER RIGHT INTO IT...

AS THE MAN OF DESTINY SURVEYS THE ENORMOUS HALL HE HAS LANDED IN, A FANTASTIC SPECTACLE MEETS HIS GAZE...

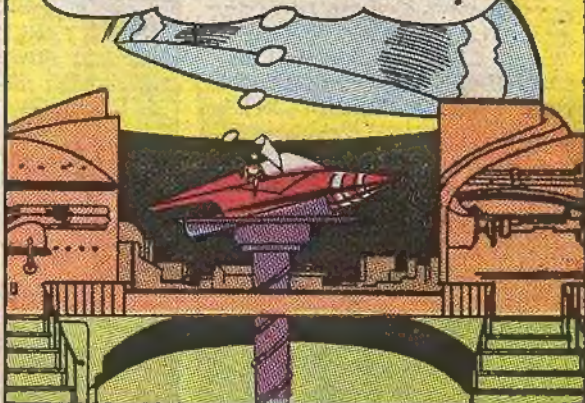
GLASS CASES--HUNDREDS OF THEM! AND EACH ONE CONTAINING A HUMAN-LIKE CREATURE--IN A TRANCELIKE STATE!

STILL--THERE MUST BE **SOMEONE** CONTROLLING THIS SHIP!



SURPRISINGLY... A MOMENT LATER...

NO AIR! A **VACUUM** IN HERE! I'LL SLIP ON MY OXYGEN BUBBLE-- GREAT SATURN-- WHAT IS **THAT**?



INVESTIGATING THE STRANGE CRAFT, **CAPTAIN COMET** LOCATES THE CONTROL ROOM...

STILL NO LIVING THING! BUT YET SOMEHOW THE DEADLY **TOPS** ARE CONTROLLED FROM THIS ROOM BY THE RADIO WAVES I SAW!



THEN... AS AN UNSEEN MECHANISM IS TRIPPED...

ANOTHER OF THE CREATURES! AND THIS ONE IS WAKING UP!

AKA **DOK**? WHO IS THERE?



TWO SUPER-MINDS MAKE INSTANT TELEPATHIC CONTACT..

...CAPTAIN COMET... OF EARTH!

HARUN.. LEADER OF THE ASTUR- RACE... THIS CREATURE HAS A BRAIN ALMOST EQUAL TO MINE IN POWER!

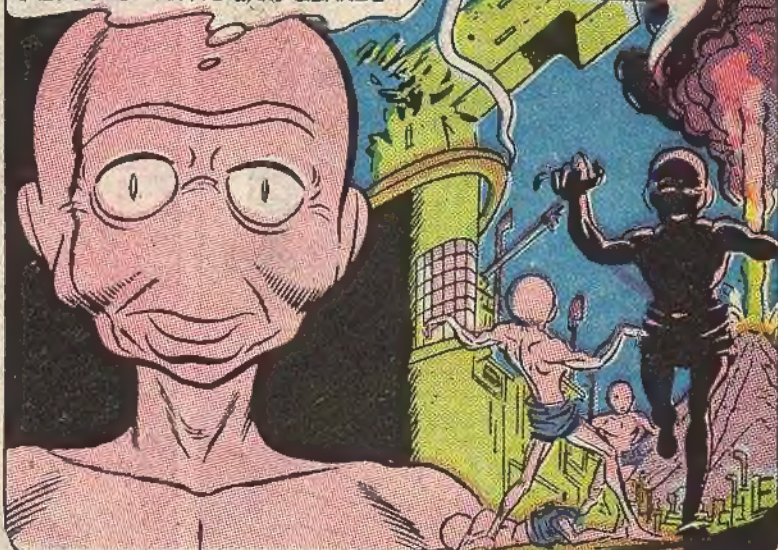


SWIFT AS THOUGHT, CAPTAIN COMET GAINS HARUN'S PAST HISTORY...

WE LIVED ON ASTUR-- AN AIRLESS WORLD! AIR KILLS US-- WE ARE NOT BUILT AS YOU ARE! WE LED HAPPY PEACEFUL LIVES-- BUT ONE DAY A PASSING STAR CAUSED GIGANTIC LANDQUAKES--

'TIS THE END OF THE WORLD!

HARUN--OUR GREAT SCIENTIST- LEADER WILL SAVE US! HE WILL THINK OF A WAY!



"WE HAD TO FLEE ASTUR! I SUPERVISED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS GREAT SPACE VESSEL, AND WHEN IT WAS READY.."

"MY ORDERS WERE CARRIED OUT. ROBOT CONTROLS TOOK CARE OF EVERYTHING ELSE-- FOR THE LAST THOUSAND YEARS! THEY EVEN --"

BUT TO THE EARTHMAN'S SURPRISE, AS HE HURLS HIMSELF FORWARD...

PHYSICAL COMBAT? BAH! THAT IS NOT THE WAY FOR TWO MENTAL GIANTS LIKE US TO SETTLE OUR QUARREL--

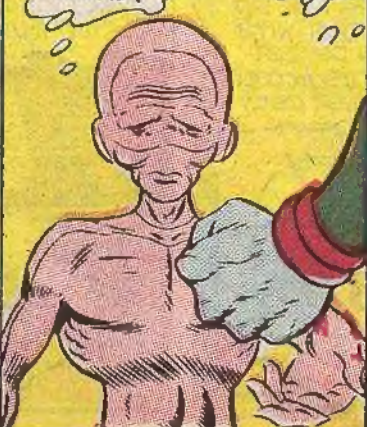
WHAT OTHER MEANS DO YOU SUGGEST?

WE MAY HAVE TO VOYAGE FOR CENTURIES BEFORE WE FIND ANOTHER SUITABLE AIRLESS WORLD! ALL OF US WILL BE PLACED IN GLASS VACUUM CASES ON THIS SHIP-- IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION...



-- DETECTED YOUR PLANET AND SENT OUT WHAT YOU CALL THE TOPS-- TO DRAW AWAY YOUR ATMOSPHERE AND PREPARE THE WAY FOR US TO LIVE THERE!

BUT YOU DIDN'T RECKON WITH MEETING ACTIVE RESISTANCE...!



THE ASTUR CHIEFTAIN PROPOSES A UNIQUE CONTEST TO DECIDE SUPREMACY--A GAME CALLED "ECHEK" ...

IN THIS ECHEK-VASE THERE ARE 100,000 BLACK PELLETS--AND TWO WHITE ONES! THE WINNER IS HE WHO, WITHOUT USING VISION, CAN SELECT A WHITE PELLETT IN THE LEAST NUMBER OF TRIES ...

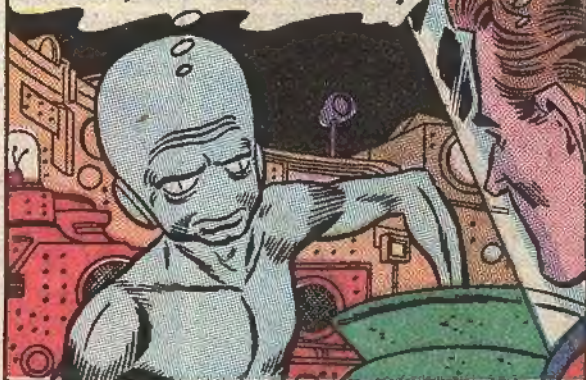
YOU GO FIRST...



KEEPING HIS EYES AVERTED, HARUN PLUNGES HIS HAND INTO THE JAR ...

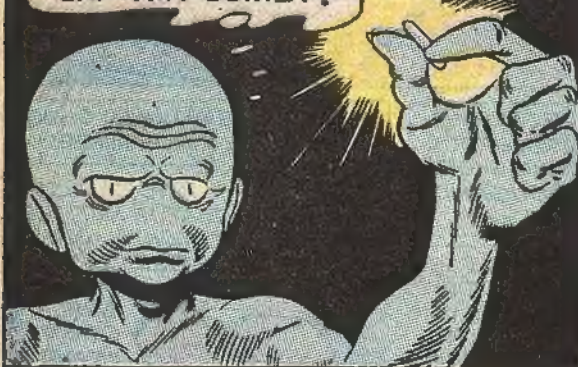
REMEMBER! WHOEVER WINS--THE OTHER MUST BECOME HIS SLAVE! AGREED, CAPTAIN COMET?

AGREED, HARUN!



THE MAN FROM ASTUR DRAWS ONE BLACK PELLET--TWO--THREE--AND THEN ...

THE WHITE! IN MY FOURTH TRY! BEAT THAT IF YOU CAN, CAPTAIN COMET!



MOMENTS LATER...ASTONISHINGLY...

YOUR... FIRST TRY! IMPOSSIBLE!

SIMPLE! MY FUTURISTIC FINGERTIPS ARE SO SENSITIVE, THAT WITH THEM I CAN DETECT DIFFERENCES IN COLOR! NOW YOU MUST OBEY ME!



SUDDENLY--THE DEFEATED CONTESTANT RACES OUT OF THE CONTROL ROOM ...

NEVER! YOU TRICKED ME! YOU MUST DIE!

GOING BACK ON HIS WORD! I'LL HANDLE HIM--AS SOON AS I'VE CUT THE RADIO CONTROL TO THE TOPS ON EARTH...





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DASHING TO AN INSTRUMENT PANEL, HARUN TWIRLS A KNOB AND...

I'VE STOPPED THE TOPS! BUT WHAT'S HE DOING?

RISE UP, MY PEOPLE! WE MUST SLAY THIS DANGEROUS FOE!

IN A MOMENT THEY WILL AWAKEN! YOU CANNOT COMBAT ALL OF US!

I... DON'T HAVE TO! HARUN! LOOK CLOSER AT YOUR PEOPLE...

THE INCREDIBLY QUICK SENSES OF THE MAN OF DESTINY HAVE REVEALED THE TRUTH TO HIM EVEN BEFORE EXAMINATION CONFIRMS IT...

DEAD! ALL OF THEM-- AND PERFECTLY PRESERVED IN THE CASES I BUILT FOR THEM!

I SHOULD JUDGE THEY'VE BEEN DEAD FOR THE LAST HUNDRED YEARS, HARUN! ONLY YOU HAVE SURVIVED THE ORDEAL OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION...

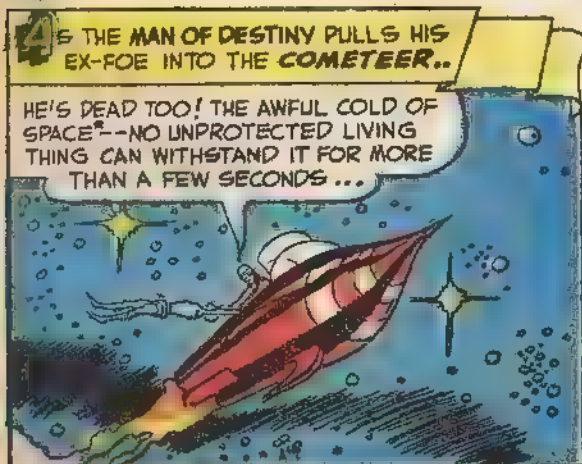
GRIEF-STRIKEN BY THE TRAGIC DISCOVERY, HARUN MOVES SUDDENLY...

PLUNGING OUT OF THE SPACE-LOCK! HE'LL BE KILLED!

MY PEOPLE DEAD! I'VE FAILED IN MY MISSION... BY ASTUR'S LAW, I MUST DESTROY MYSELF...

IN A FLASH, CAPTAIN COMET LEAPS INTO HIS CRAFT AND CATAPULTS AFTER THE LAST MAN OF ASTUR...

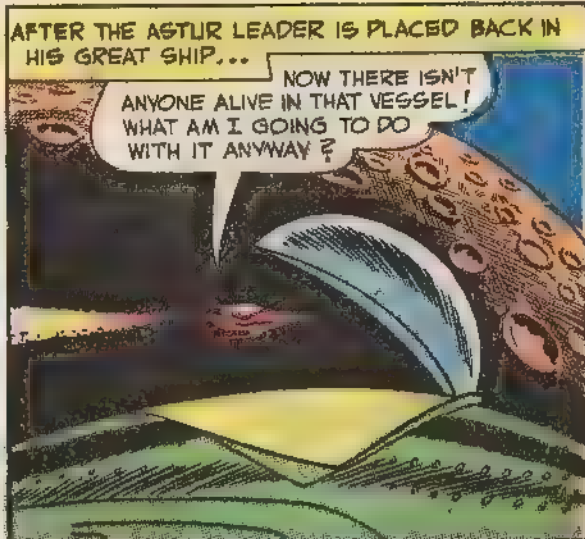
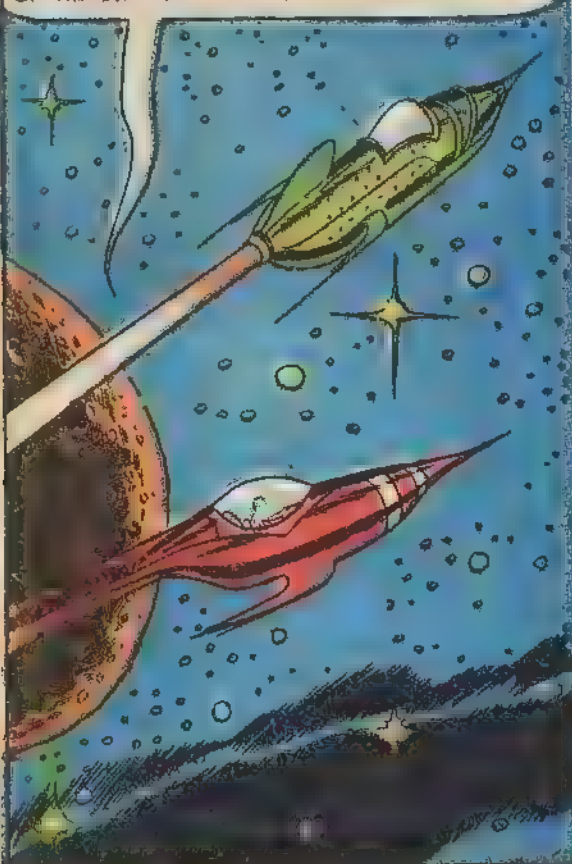
EVEN THOUGH HARUN TRIED TO KILL ME AND DESTROY THE PEOPLE OF EARTH -- STILL I MUST TRY TO SAVE HIS LIFE!



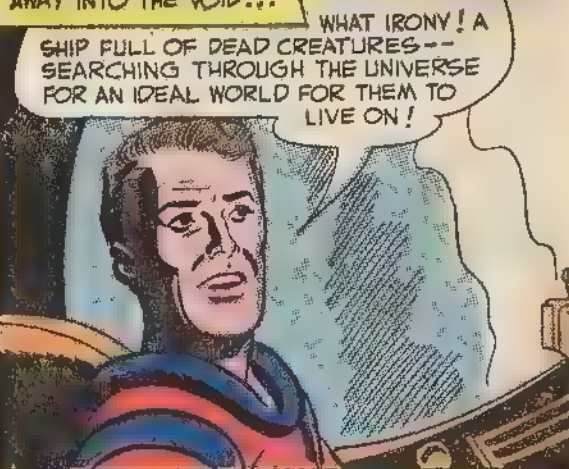
*** EDITOR'S NOTE: IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE COLD OF SPACE IS ABSOLUTE ZERO--MINUS 273 DEGREES CENTIGRADE!**

INCREDIBLY...AT THAT MOMENT...THE HUGE SHIP TURNS AND HEADS SUNWARD WITH GATHERING SPEED...

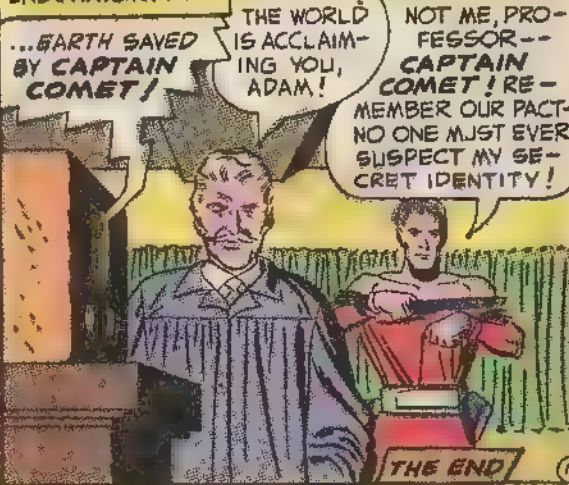
THE AMAZING ROBOT MECHANISMS--SET 1000 YEARS AGO--HAVE TAKEN CONTROL AGAIN! SINCE THE ATTEMPT TO SEIZE EARTH HAS FAILED, THE AUTOMATIC MACHINERY IN CHARGE OF THE SHIP MUST TRY SOME OTHER PLACE...



AS THE MAMMOTH STELLAR-SHIP HURTTLES AWAY INTO THE VOID...



THAT NIGHT...IN PROFESSOR ZACKRO'S LABORATORY...



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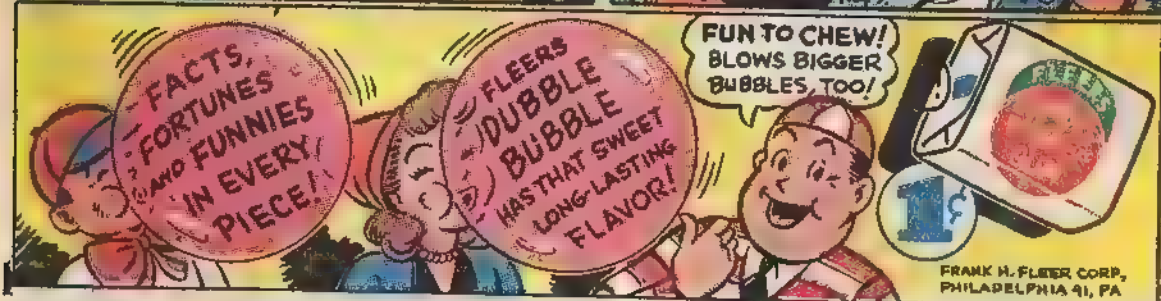
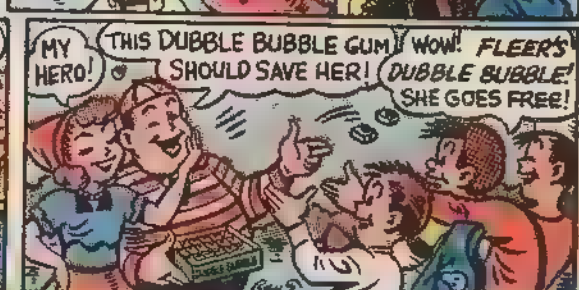
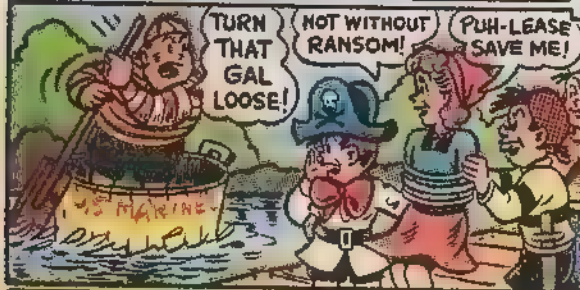
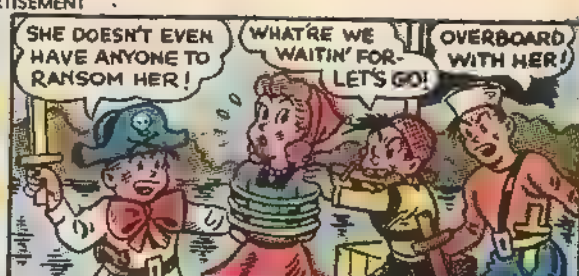
NO MONEY! NO WAITING! NO BOX TOPS!

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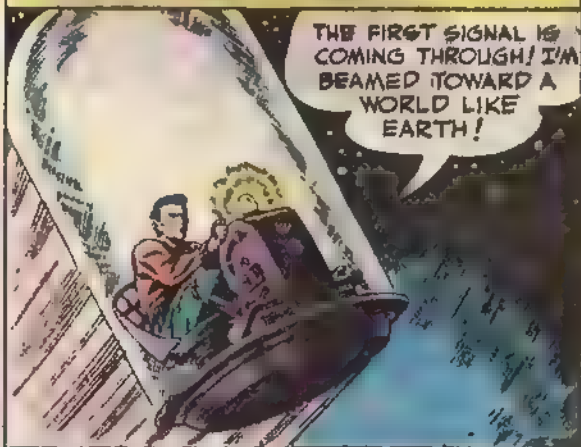
WHAT WAS POSSIBLE
ONCE IS POSSIBLE
MANY TIMES --
IN THE VAST AND VARIED
UNIVERSE THERE IS MORE
THAN ONE WORLD LIKE OURS!
AND THE LIFE KNOWN BY
MANKIND ON THIS EARTH HAS
BEEN LIVED, IS BEING LIVED,
WILL BE LIVED, ON OTHER
WORLDS!
FANTASTIC? BIZARRE?
IMPOSSIBLE? THAT'S WHAT
BRAM HILTON THOUGHT
UNTIL HE FOUND THE
OTHER EARTHS!

BYOND THE RANGE OF OUR MOST POWERFUL TELESCOPES, A LONE SPACE-CRAFT SPEEDS THROUGH THE COSMIC VOID AT A MILLION LIGHT YEARS A SECOND...



IT IS BUT THE BEGINNING OF THE MOST AMAZING JOURNEY EVER UNDERTAKEN BY MAN!

AT THE CONTROLS IS BRAM HILTON, EARTHMAN, WITH THE BRAIN OF A GENIUS, AND THE HEART OF AN ADVENTURER...



THE FIRST SIGNAL IS COMING THROUGH! I'M BEAMED TOWARD A WORLD LIKE EARTH!

THE UNIVERSE IS TOO BIG, TOO VARIED, TOO INFINITE, FOR JUST **ONE** WORLD LIKE EARTH! MY VIBRATION-DUPLICATOR AUTOMATICALLY DIRECTS ME TO ANY OTHER PLANET IN THE COSMOS THAT RESEMBLES MY OWN NATIVE WORLD!



THERE IT IS! AND AT LEAST, GEOGRAPHICALLY, IT IS A PERFECT DUPLICATE OF EARTH!



JUST BELOW ME--THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA, THE ISLES OF GREECE! AND THAT TOWN ON THE MAINLAND--WITH WALLS AND TOWERS! GREAT STARS--**ANCIENT TROY!** IS IT POSSIBLE THAT CIVILIZATION HAS DEVELOPED ALONG THE SAME LINES?



LANDING IN AN OUT-OF-THE-WAY STREET OF THE STRANGE CITY, BRAM HILTON'S CLASSICAL STUDIES ENABLE HIM TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY...

WHAT'S THE CELEBRATION FOR, FRIEND?

HOW CAN YOU NOT KNOW? ALL TROY CELEBRATES THE END OF THE WAR WITH THE GREEKS! THEY HAVE FLED FROM BEFORE OUR WALLS!



TROY--GREECE! THEN--EXCEPT FOR A TIME LAG--THIS WORLD IS GOING THROUGH THAT IDENTICAL HISTORY THAT MY OWN EARTH KNEW AGES AGO...

BUT THE GREEKS DON'T LOSE THE 'TROIJAN WAR' THAT'S THEY--THEY PRETENDED--

HA! THEIR ACHILLES SLEW OUR HECTOR AND OUR PARIS SLEW THEIR ACHILLES! THEY RE--TREAT TO THEIR SHIPS, BUT SEE YONDER--THEY LEFT US A PRESENT TO MAKE PEACE!



FOREWARNED OF WHAT IS BOUND TO HAPPEN, BRAM RACES TO THE TROIJAN HORSE...

PEOPLE OF TROY! LISTEN TO ME! BRING THAT LADDER! QUICK! THIS IMAGE IS A TRICK TO DESTROY YOU!

AS YOU WISH, STRANGER! BUT WHAT CAN YOU MEAN BY SUCH WILD TALK?

LISTEN! IT'S HOLLOW INSIDE! IT HOLDS A NEST OF GREEK SPES!

PRY THE WOODEN MONSTER OPEN!



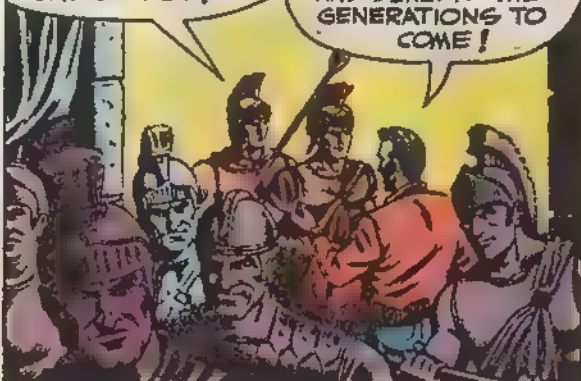
SWIFTLY PRYING OPEN THE TRAPDOOR, THE TROJANS DISCOVER...

GREEK INVADERS! THEY PLANNED TO HIDE THERE TILL NIGHT--THEN STEAL OUT AND OPEN THE GATES TO A SURPRISE ATTACK BY THEIR TROOPS!



GIVE PRAISE TO THIS STRANGER! BY MAGIC OR DIVINATION HE DISCOVERED THE TRICK OF THE ENEMY AND SAVED TROY!

AS IT IS, YOUR ENEMIES MUST MAKE PEACE! YOUR CIVILIZATION AND THEIRS CAN DEVELOP AND BENEFIT THE GENERATIONS TO COME!



THE NEXT MOMENT--AN INTERRUPTION...

STAND BACK, FRIENDS! MAKE ROOM FOR FAIR HELEN, TROY'S QUEEN OF BEAUTY!

I WOULD HAVE SPEECH WITH THE MAN WHO UNMASKED THE CUNNING TRICK OF THE GREEKS!



SPEAK, AND FEAR NOT! HOW DID YOU LEARN THEIR PLAN?

I AM AFRAID I CANNOT EXPLAIN, YOUR MAJESTY!

HOW COULD I EXPECT THEM TO BELIEVE THAT THE SAME THING HAPPENED ON ANOTHER WORLD THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO!



STAY! ALL TROY WAITS TO DO YOU HONOR, TO REWARD YOU AND HEAR OF YOUR METHOD IN DISCOVERING THE PLOT!

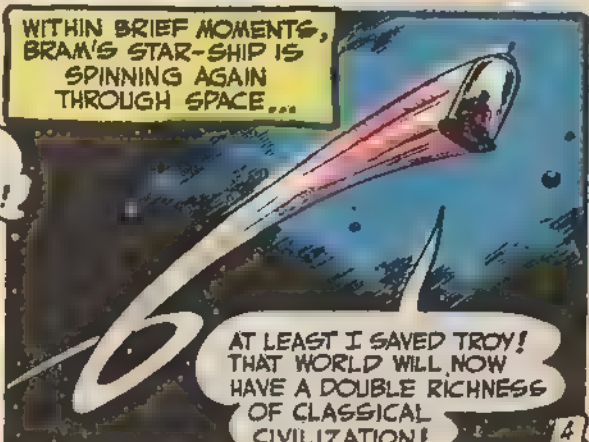
SORRY--I HAVE AN URGENT APPOINTMENT I MUST KEEP! FAREWELL--

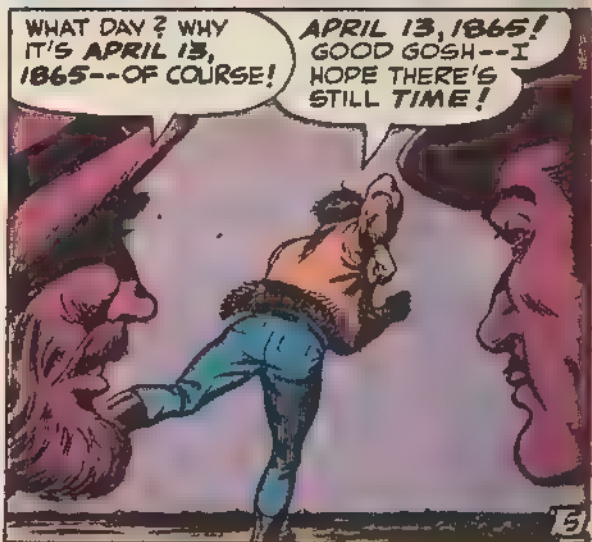
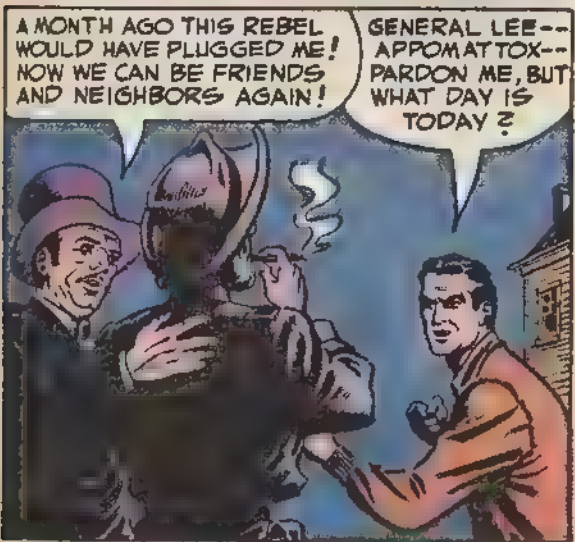
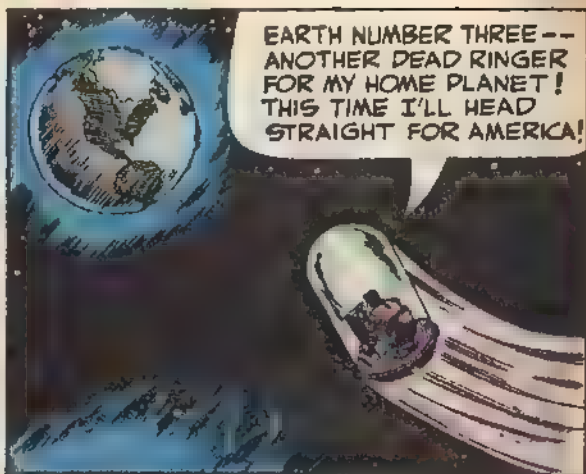
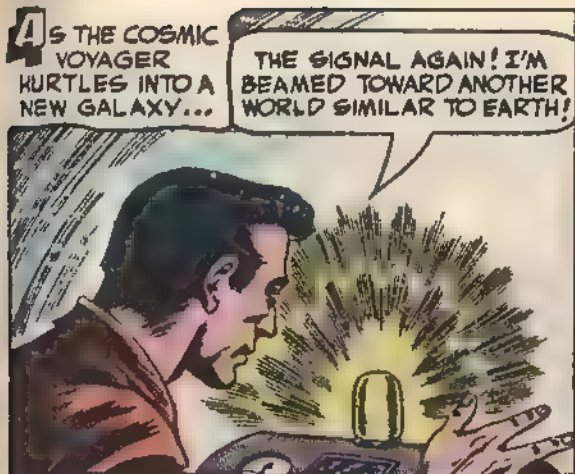
THE BEST WAY OUT OF THIS JAM IS RETREAT!

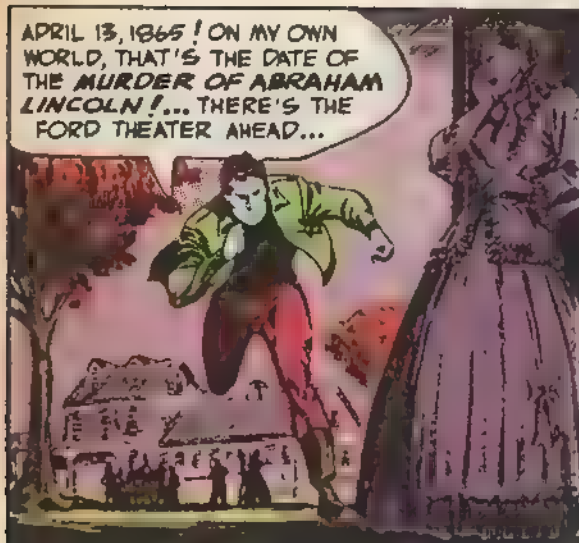


WITHIN BRIEF MOMENTS, BRAM'S STAR-SHIP IS SPINNING AGAIN THROUGH SPACE...

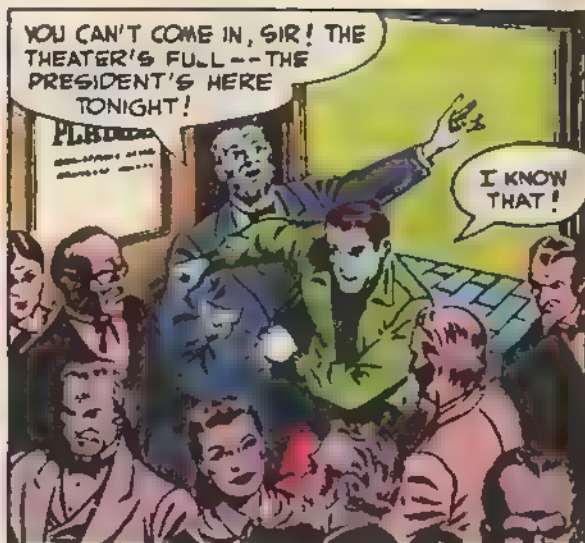
AT LEAST I SAVED TROY! THAT WORLD WILL NOW HAVE A DOUBLE RICHNESS OF CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION!





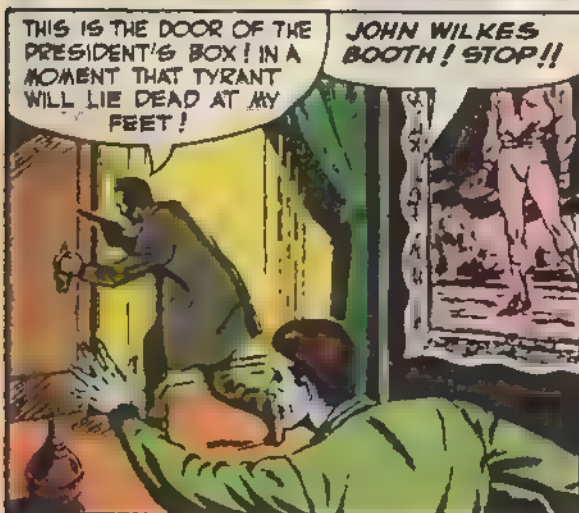


APRIL 13, 1865! ON MY OWN WORLD, THAT'S THE DATE OF THE MURDER OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN!... THERE'S THE FORD THEATER AHEAD...



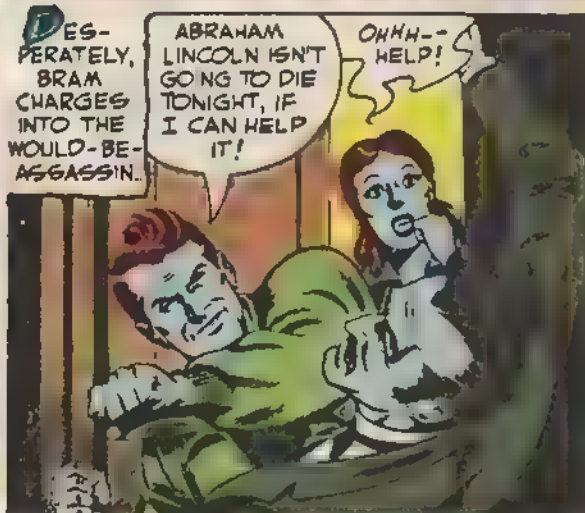
YOU CAN'T COME IN, SIR! THE THEATER'S FULL--THE PRESIDENT'S HERE TONIGHT!

I KNOW THAT!



THIS IS THE DOOR OF THE PRESIDENT'S BOX! IN A MOMENT THAT TYRANT WILL LIE DEAD AT MY FEET!

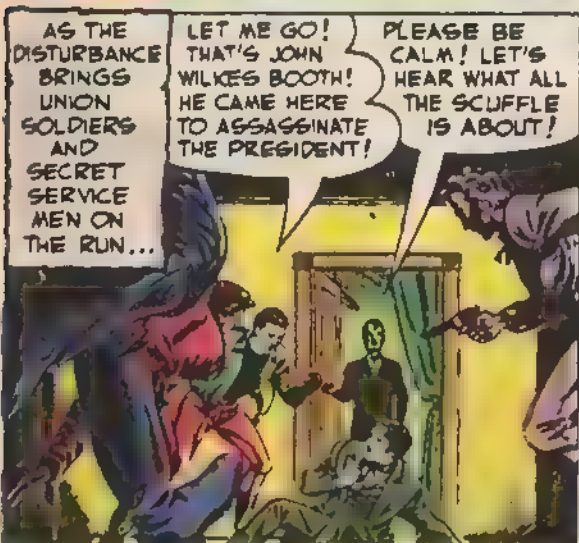
JOHN WILKES BOOTH! STOP!!



DESPERATELY, BRAM CHARGES INTO THE WOULD-BE-ASSASSIN.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN ISN'T GOING TO DIE TONIGHT, IF I CAN HELP IT!

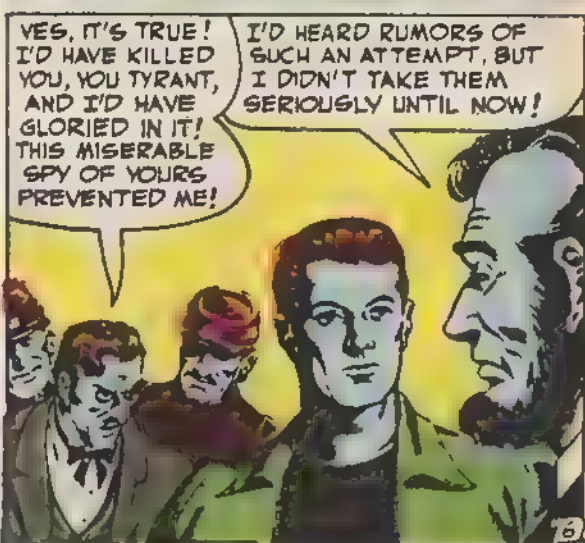
OH--HELP!



AS THE DISTURBANCE BRINGS UNION SOLDIERS AND SECRET SERVICE MEN ON THE RUN...

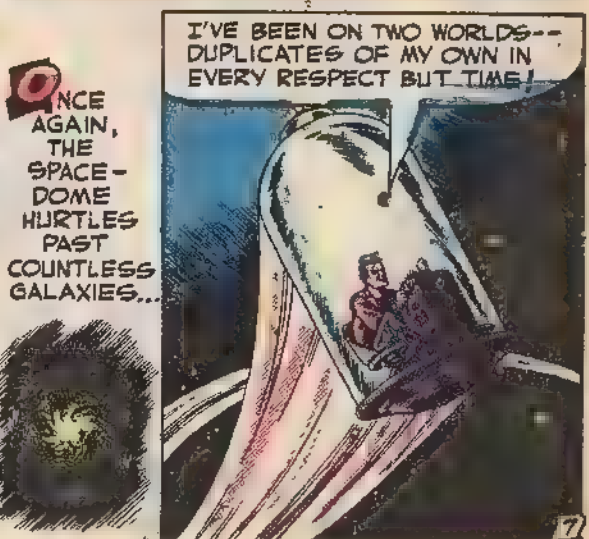
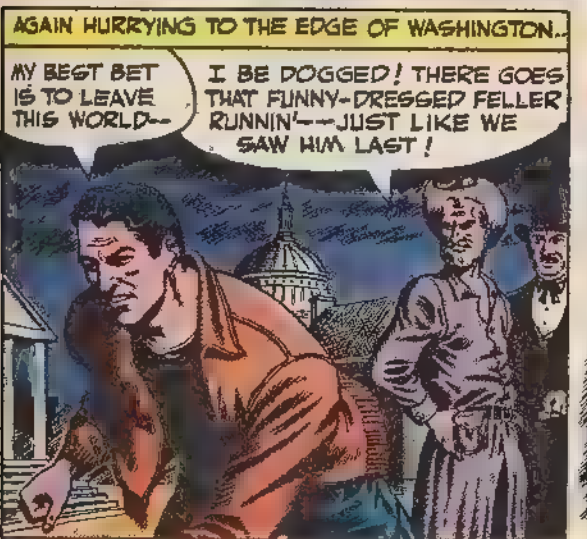
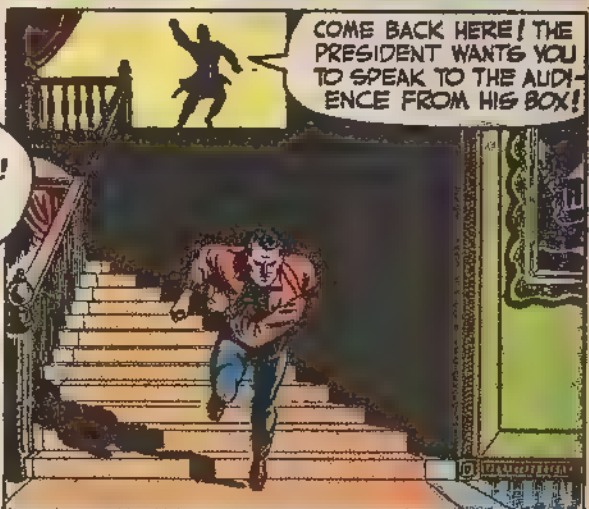
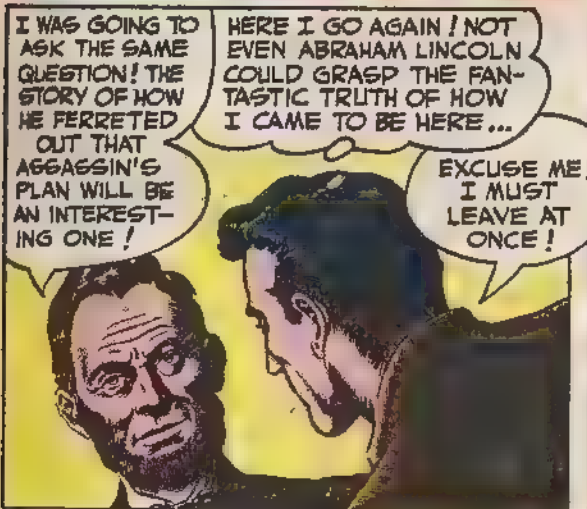
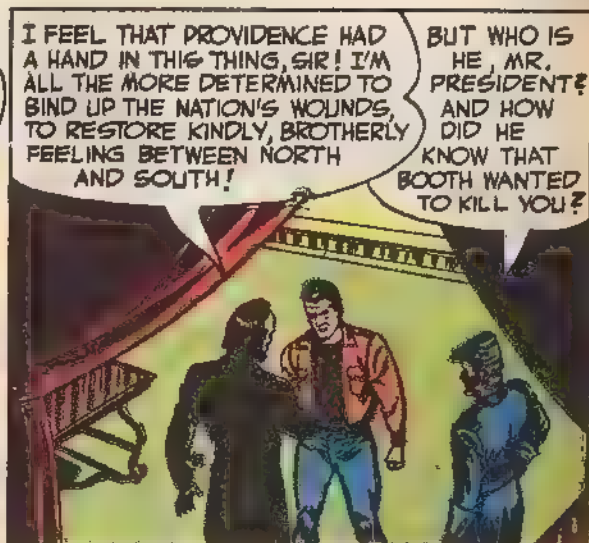
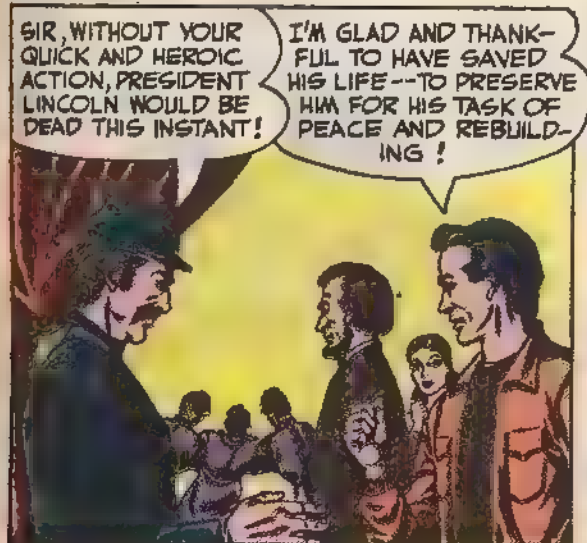
LET ME GO! THAT'S JOHN WILKES BOOTH! HE CAME HERE TO ASSASSINATE THE PRESIDENT!

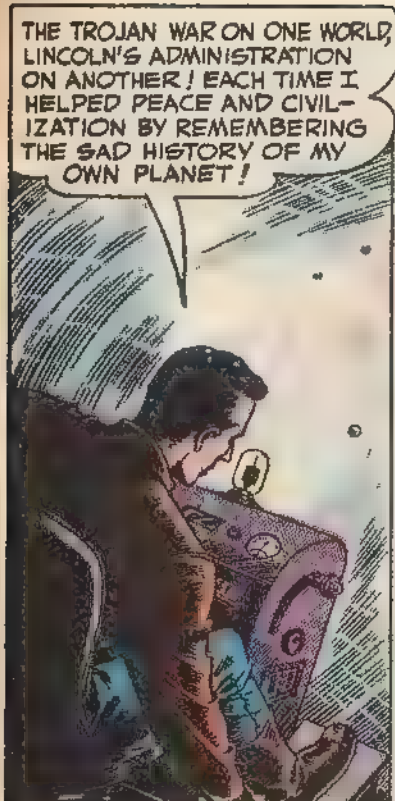
PLEASE BE CALM! LET'S HEAR WHAT ALL THE SCUFFLE IS ABOUT!



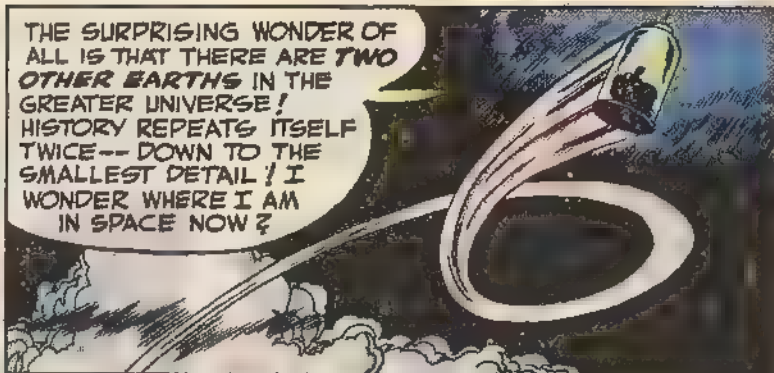
YES, IT'S TRUE! I'D HAVE KILLED YOU, YOU TYRANT, AND I'D HAVE GLORIED IN IT! THIS MISERABLE SPY OF YOURS PREVENTED ME!

I'D HEARD RUMORS OF SUCH AN ATTEMPT, BUT I DIDN'T TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY UNTIL NOW!





THE TROJAN WAR ON ONE WORLD,
LINCOLN'S ADMINISTRATION
ON ANOTHER! EACH TIME I
HELPED PEACE AND CIVIL-
IZATION BY REMEMBERING
THE SAD HISTORY OF MY
OWN PLANET!



THE SURPRISING WONDER OF
ALL IS THAT THERE ARE **TWO**
OTHER EARTHS IN THE
GREATER UNIVERSE!
HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF
TWICE-- DOWN TO THE
SMALLEST DETAIL! I
WONDER WHERE I AM
IN SPACE NOW?



THEN...A
NEW AMAZE-
MENT... AS
THE RHYTHMIC
SIGNAL
PULSES
AGAIN...



WHEREVER I AM, THE
SIGNAL SAYS I'M COMING
TOWARD YET **ANOTHER**
PLANET LIKE EARTH!



THIS TIME I'LL LAND AND
HAVE A LOOK AT WHAT KIND
OF A **NEW YORK CITY** THIS
FAR-OFF PLANET HAS!



LEAVING HIS SPACE-SPAN-
NING VEHICLE, BRAM
HILTON SEES...

THE SAME
MANHATTAN SKYLINE! I
GUESS I'M PRETTY CLOSE
TO MY OWN TIME IN HISTORY
ON THIS WORLD!



MAYBE THOSE MEN CAN GIVE
ME INFORMATION ABOUT THIS
WORLD! BUT WAIT-- WHAT
ARE THEY UP TO?

THEY'RE
HOLDING THE SECRET
MEETING IN THAT OLD
HOUSE WITH THE IRON
FENCE AROUND IT!

COMING CLOSER, BRAM OVERHEARS...

THE CHIEF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN ONE HOUSE--TALKING WORLD PEACE! IF THERE WASN'T ANY WAR, HOW WOULD OUR BOSSES IN THOSE COUNTRIES STAY RICH?



BUT IF THEY'RE ALL KILLED, THE WORLD WILL GO HISTERICAL--PLUNGE INTO THE BIGGEST WAR YET! THIS GRENADE WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM!

IF IT DOESN'T, I'VE GOT A MACHINE GUN THAT WILL FINISH OFF ANY SURVIVORS!



AGAIN I ARRIVE AT AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO STRIKE A BLOW FOR PEACE!

I'LL TOSS THE GRENADE! GET READY TO RUSH IN AND DESTROY ANY PAPERS THEY'VE SIGNED AGREEING TO OUTLAW WAR!



AT THAT CRITICAL MOMENT, BRAM RUSHES AT THE DEATH-DEALERS ...

STOP! DON'T THROW THAT GRENADE!

I'LL FEED THIS MEDDLER A BARREL FULL OF LEAD!



OUT OF MY WAY! I'VE GOT BUSINESS WITH YOUR FRIEND!

I'LL BLOW HIM TO ATOMS FIRST!



I'VE STILL GOT A SPARE GRENADE FOR THE PEACE-MONGERS!

IF I CAN CATCH IT--

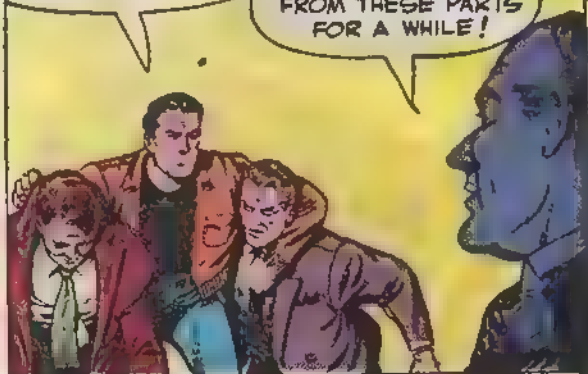


DEFTLY CATCHING THE GRENADE IN HIS HAND, BRAM HURLS THE SHELL HIGH INTO THE AIR WHERE IT HARMLESSLY EXPLODES...



THESE MEN WANTED TO DESTROY YOU AND YOUR EFFORTS TO OUTLAW WAR! I WAS JUST IN TIME TO PREVENT IT!

HMMM-- I MET YOU SOMEWHERE! THE NAME IS BRAM HILTON, ISN'T IT? A PROMISING YOUNG SCIENTIST-- YOU'VE BEEN GONE FROM THESE PARTS FOR A WHILE!



WELCOME HOME, HILTON! WHAT YOU'VE DONE HERE MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO CHECK THE WAR-MONGERS OF ALL NATIONS AND ARRIVE AT A SENSIBLE SOLUTION OF THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS!

I'M FLATTERED THAT YOU REMEMBER ME, SIR!

WELCOME HOME, HE SAID! HE KNOWS ME! SO THIS ISN'T ANOTHER EARTHLIKE WORLD! I'VE RETURNED TO MY OWN PLANET!



OUR THANKS ARE DUE TO YOU, MR. HILTON! TELL US HOW YOU KNEW OF THE PLOT-- HOW YOU MANAGED TO SURMISE WHAT THESE KILLERS WERE UP TO--

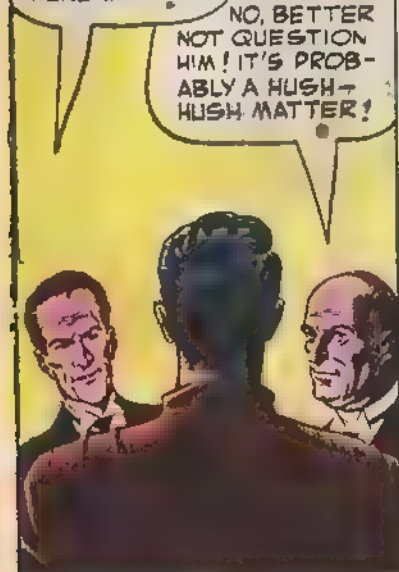
NO, BETTER NOT QUESTION HIM! IT'S PROBABLY A HUSH-MATTER!

FOR SECURITY REASONS, WE'LL ASK NO QUESTIONS AT ALL! WE'LL JUST BE THANKFUL, AND RETURN TO OUR CONFERENCE!

THAT WOULD BE BEST, GENTLEMEN!



I HELPED BRING PEACE TO TWO OTHER EARTHS-- AND NOW TO MY OWN EARTH! NO WONDER THE REAL STORY CAN'T BE TOLD! I'M BEGINNING TO WONDER MYSELF IF IT WASN'T SOME KIND OF FANTASTIC DREAM!



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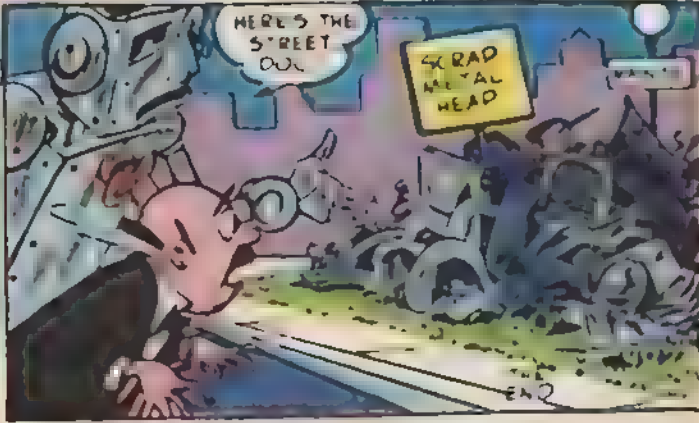
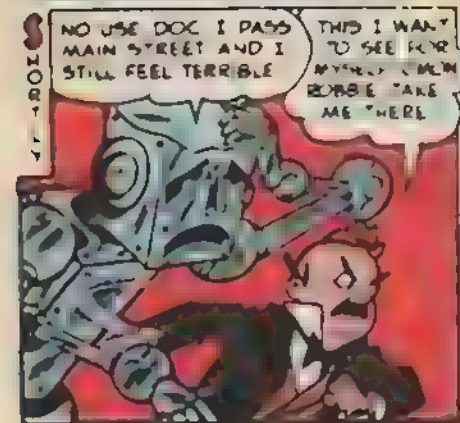
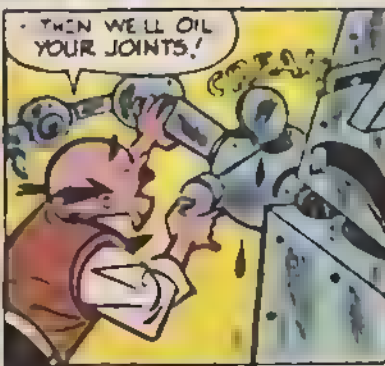
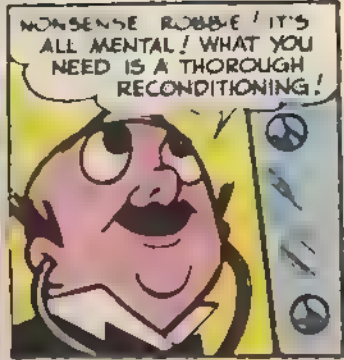
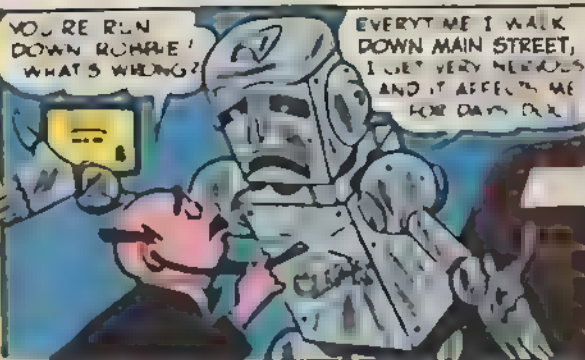
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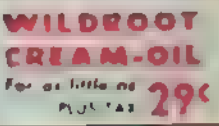
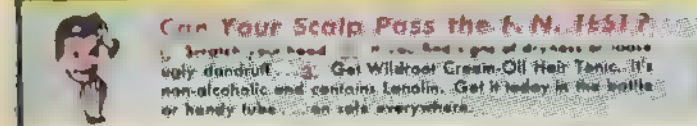
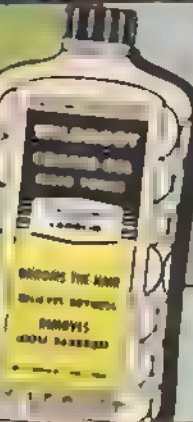
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ROBBIE The ROBOT



ACTOR'S COMMENT



The Experiment Of DR SYLVAN!



Today I... Dr Peter Sylvan... completed my experiment!
It has been a long struggle, but I have achieved the
greatest triumph the biological world has ever known!
What a that...? My hands are - GREEN? Not a only one
interesting phase of the experiment! you re puzzled? Well
don't decide until you have the facts! Turn back the
the pages of my diary and read for
yourself...

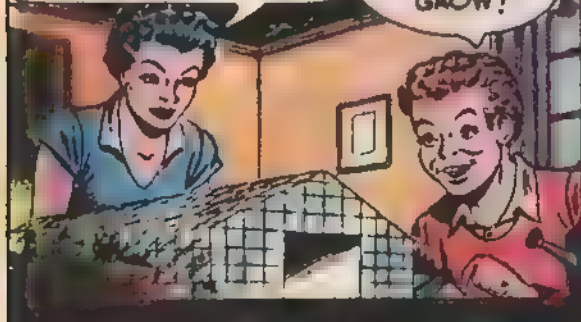
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JANUARY 17, 1935 - MY TWELFTH BIRTHDAY-- MARKED THE BEGINNINGS OF AN EVENT THAT WAS DESTINED TO INFLUENCE MY LIFE...

DO YOU LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY PRESENT, PETER? A MINIA-TURE GREENHOUSE, WITH REAL DIRT AND FLOWERS!

GOSH, MOM! I CAN PLANT SEEDS AND MAKE THEM GROW!



THE WINTER OF 1935 WAS TERRIBLY COLD-- AND I SPENT ALL MY TIME INDOORS, PLAYING WITH THE GREENHOUSE...

HENRY, I NEVER SAW A CHILD SO INTERESTED IN FLOWERS AND PLANTS!

I WAS HOPING PETER WOULD TAKE UP ARCHITECTURE-- BUT FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, HE'S GOING TO BE A HORTI-CULTURIST!



ONCE THE SPRING MONTHS CAME, I TRANS-FERRED MY PLANT WORK OUT OF DOORS...

DADDY SAID I COULD TAKE UP BOTANY IN COLLEGE. HE HAS ALREADY SPOKEN ABOUT ME TO HIS FRIEND, DR. CARLSEN, THE FAMOUS HORTICULTURALIST!



JUNE 7th, 1947... GRADUATED SUMMA CUM LAUDE TODAY FROM THE UNIVERSITY, AFTER THE EXERCISES...

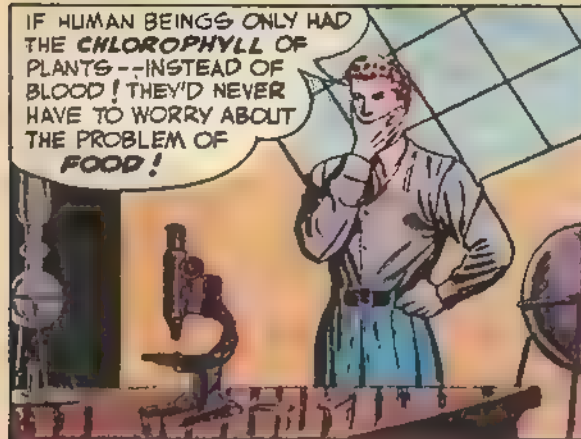
PETER, I WANT YOU TO COME WITH ME AS MY ASSIS-TANT! I'VE TALKED WITH YOUR PROFESSORS. THEY SAY YOU HAVE A VERY PROMISING FUTURE!

I'LL BE PROUD TO WORK UNDER YOUR SUPERVISION, DR. CARLSEN!



AUGUST 5, 1949... AFTER TWO YEARS WITH DR. CARLSEN, THE IDEA I'VE BEEN WORKING ON FINALLY CAME TO FULL MATURITY...

IF HUMAN BEINGS ONLY HAD THE CHLOROPHYLL OF PLANTS--INSTEAD OF BLOOD! THEY'D NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF FOOD!



CHLOROPHYLL GETS ITS ENERGY FROM SUNLIGHT AND WATER. THUS, IF THERE WERE SOME WAY OF CONVERTING BLOOD INTO CHLO-ROPHYLL, A PERSON WALKING IN THE SUN COULD MANUFACTURE HIS FOOD SUPPLY AT THE SAME TIME!





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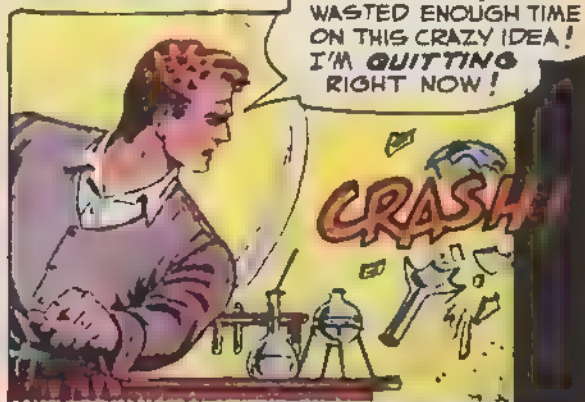
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1949... I CONDUCTED EXPERIMENT AFTER EXPERIMENT ON LOCAL FLOWERS LIKE BELLWORT, HEPATICA AND INDIAN CUCUMBER...

I'VE ANALYZED THESE FLOWERS A HUNDRED TIMES. I'VE BROKEN THE CHLOROPHYLL INTO CRYSTAL-LINE AND FROZEN FORMS. AND YET I'M NO NEARER A SOLUTION...



NIGHT AFTER NIGHT I LOCKED MYSELF IN THE BOTANY LAB AND WORKED UNTIL DAWN...

ANOTHER NEGATIVE RESULT! NOT ONE SINGLE CLUE TO SHOW I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK! I'VE WASTED ENOUGH TIME ON THIS CRAZY IDEA! I'M **QUITTING** RIGHT NOW!



MARCH 19, 1950... A RED-LETTER DAY FOR ME. I MET AVA VOORHEES, A TRANSFER SCIENTIST FROM CALIFORNIA...

DR. VOORHEES IS WORKING ON CATALYST REACTIONS, PETER. PLEASE GIVE HER ALL THE HELP YOU CAN!

IT'LL BE A PLEASURE, DR. CARLSEN.



THE MONTHS AVA AND I SPENT TOGETHER, WORKING ON PLANTS AND FLOWERS, ARE AMONG THE HAPPIEST I'VE EVER KNOWN. OCCASIONALLY, SHE TAKES TIME OUT TO HELP ME...

THE STRUCTURAL FORMULA OF CHLOROPHYLL IS CLOSELY ALLIED TO THAT OF THE HEMOGLOBIN IN THE BLOOD, PETER. DON'T GIVE UP YOUR EXPERIMENT. BASICALLY, YOUR THEORIES ARE SOUND.



MAY 10, 1950... AVA PROMISED TO MARRY ME. AS WE SEALED OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH A KISS, DR. CARLSEN RUSHED INTO THE LAB, VERY EXCITED...

PETER, I HAVE WONDERFUL NEWS! I-- OH-- PARDON ME!



THE FOUNDATION'S AGREED TO FURNISH THE MONEY FOR A FIELD TRIP TO MADAGASCAR. YOU'RE GOING ALONG WITH ME, PETER--AS SUPERVISING BOTANIST! CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

CONGRATULATE ME, TOO. DOC--TOR--AVA'S AGREED TO MARRY ME!



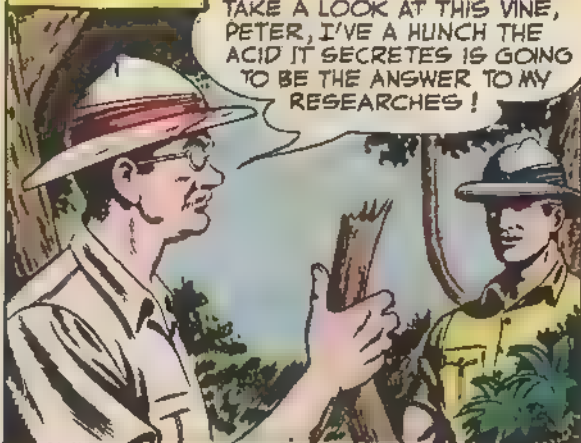
JUNE 3rd, 1950... WE LEFT NEW YORK TODAY, ON THE FRENCH LINER **LIBERTÉ**. AVA WAS THERE TO SAY GOODBYE ...

WE'LL BE MARRIED WHEN YOU COME BACK, DARLING. I'LL CONCENTRATE ON MY CATALYST REACTIONS WHILE YOU'RE GONE!



JUNE 29, 1950... DEEP IN THE JUNGLES OF MADAGASCAR... FINDING MANY STRANGE GROWTHS...

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS VINE, PETER, I'VE A HUNCH THE ACID IT SECRETES IS GOING TO BE THE ANSWER TO MY RESEARCHES!



JULY 14, 1950... A SHOUT OF TRIUMPH FROM DR. CARLSEN...

PETER, COME HERE! I'VE DONE IT! ACTIVATED THAT ACID SUFFICIENTLY UNTIL IT ISOLATED THE PLANT REAGENT! IT'LL EVEN REACTIVATE CORTIN AND CHLOROPHYLL!

ACTIVATE CHLOROPHYLL? WHY-- WITH THAT PROCESS, MY OWN EXPERIMENT WOULD BE A SUCCESS..!



JULY 17, 1950. FOR THREE DAYS I'VE BROODED OVER CARLSEN'S DISCOVERY. NOW THAT HE HAD ISOLATED THE REAGENT, HE WOULD EARN THE FAME-- AND MONEY-- THAT WAS RIGHTFULLY MINE...

IF I HAD THE NERVE, I'D SHOOT HIM--AND PRETEND IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! BUT I... CAN'T!

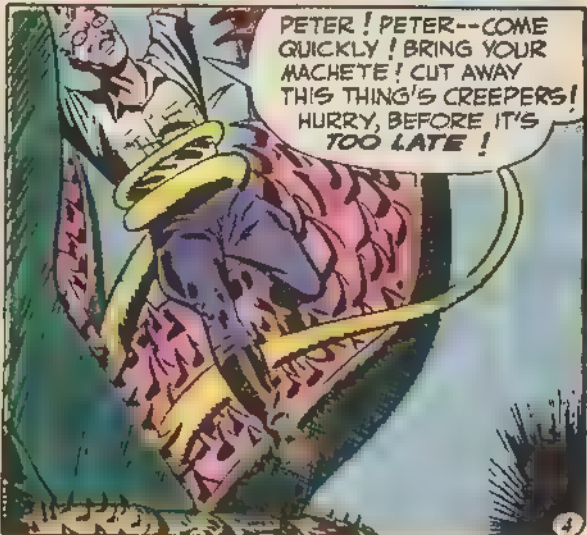


JULY 27, 1950... FATE SUDDENLY SWITCHED SIDES AND BEGAN WORKING FOR ME! AS WE WORKED DEEPER INTO THE JUNGLE, I HEARD CARLSEN SCREAM...

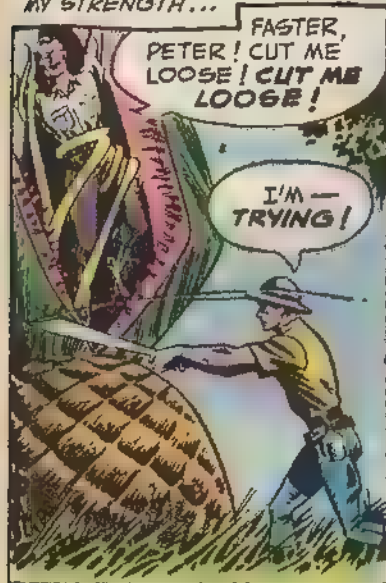
AIEEEEEE!
HELP!



PETER! PETER--COME QUICKLY! BRING YOUR MACHETE! CUT AWAY THIS THING'S CREEPERS! HURRY, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!



I LEAPED FORWARD WITH MY MACHETE. BUT AS I ATTACKED THE MAN-KILLER, I KNEW I WAS NOT PUTTING OUT WITH ALL MY STRENGTH...



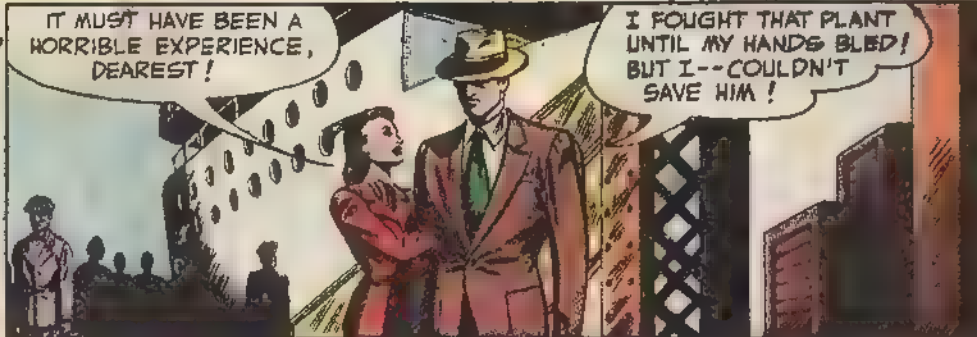
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! I'M NOT TRYING TO SAVE HIS LIFE! IS IT BECAUSE... THAT WITH HIM DEAD, I'LL TAKE OVER HIS DISCOVERIES?



HE'S DEAD! ALL HIS PLANT DISCOVERIES ARE MINE! NO ONE BUT I KNOWS HE FOUND HIS PLANT REACTOR HERE IN THE JUNGLES!



OCTOBER 10, 1950... I DOCKED IN NEW YORK, WITH DR. CARLSEN'S FORMULA LOCKED SAFELY IN MY TRUNK — AWA WAS WAITING FOR ME...



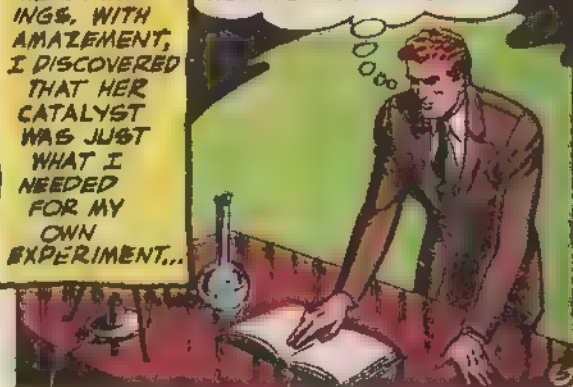
I'VE SOME GOOD NEWS, TO COUNTERACT YOUR BAD NEWS! MY OWN EXPERIMENTS ARE A SUCCESS!

DARLING, THAT'S GREAT! GET YOUR THINGS AND WE'LL GO OUT TO DINNER!



AFTER AWA LEFT, I GLANCED DOWN AT HER FINDINGS, WITH AMAZEMENT, I DISCOVERED THAT HER CATALYST WAS JUST WHAT I NEEDED FOR MY OWN EXPERIMENT...

WHY, IT'S THE VERY THING I'VE BEEN HUNTING FOR! WITH THIS CATALYST, I CAN CAUSE CARLSEN'S REACTOR TO MERGE WITH THE CHLOROPHYLL SOLUTION...

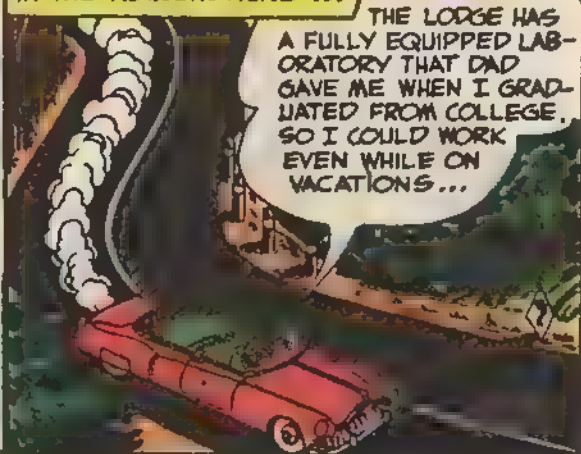


QUICKLY... BEFORE SHE RETURNS! I'LL HIDE HER NOTEBOOK IN MY BRIEFCASE... TAKE HER CATALYST FLUID ALONG IN A STOPPERED FLASK...



AFTER DINNER THAT NIGHT I DROVE -- ALONE -- TO THE FAMILY LODGE DEEP IN THE ADIRONDACKS...

THE LODGE HAS A FULLY EQUIPPED LABORATORY THAT DAD GAVE ME WHEN I GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE. SO I COULD WORK EVEN WHILE ON VACATIONS...

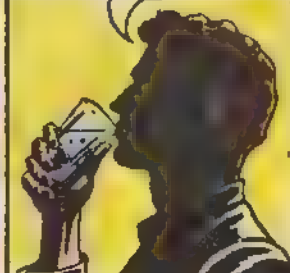


OCTOBER 12, 1950... HOLIDAYS DON'T MEAN A THING TO ME. I'VE BEEN WORKING TWO DAYS AND NIGHTS. THIS MORNING MY CALCULATIONS WERE COMPLETE...

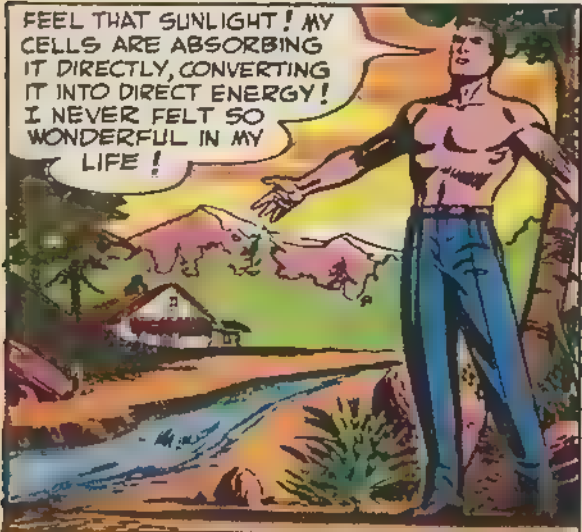
IT'LL WORK! EVERY MATHEMATICAL TEST PROVES THAT, BEYOND DOUBT! MANKIND NEED NEVER EAT FOOD AGAIN! JUST DRINK IN SUNLIGHT AND WATER! I'LL MAKE A FORTUNE WITH THIS!



IMAGINE, SOLDIERS NEED HAVE NO SUPPLY LINES! SAILORS CAN TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD AND BACK, AND USE FOOD SPACE FOR VALUABLE CARGO!

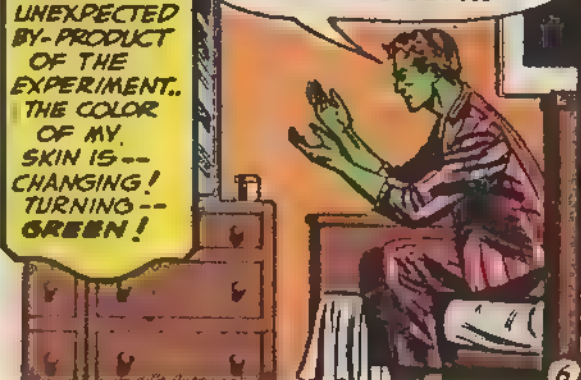


FEEL THAT SUNLIGHT! MY CELLS ARE ABSORBING IT DIRECTLY, CONVERTING IT INTO DIRECT ENERGY! I NEVER FELT SO WONDERFUL IN MY LIFE!



OCTOBER 17, 1950... MY EXPERIMENT IS A SUCCESS. AND YET--AN UNEXPECTED BY-PRODUCT OF THE EXPERIMENT.. THE COLOR OF MY SKIN IS -- CHANGING! TURNING -- GREEN!

THE PIGMENTATION PROCESS CAUSED BY CHLOROPHYLL! I--I FORGOT ABOUT THAT! WELL, WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? I'LL WORK SOMETHING OUT...



MY FACE--MY BODY--ALL GREEN! SURE--WHY NOT? A RACE OF GREEN MEN, INDEPENDENT OF FOOD, OF EVERYTHING BUT SUN--LIGHT AND WATER!



HMMM... SPEAKING OF WATER, I FIND I'M THIRSTIER THAN EVER. AND WITH THIS DRY SPELL THE BROOK IS DRYING UP!



I'LL FILL UP MY WATER TINS AFTER I MAKE A FEW LAST ENTRIES IN MY DIARY. IF I DON'T HAVE WATER, I'LL DRY UP AND DIE, JUST AS ANY OTHER PLANT...



AND SO I SIT HERE, WRITING, FILLING IN THE LAST FEW LINES OF MY DIARY THAT RECORDS THE GREATEST BIOLOGICAL TRIUMPH OF HISTORY...



I'VE LIED... LEFT A MAN TO DIE... STOLEN SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES FROM THE WOMAN I LOVE -- BUT I'VE WON OUT! THAT'S WHAT COUNTS!



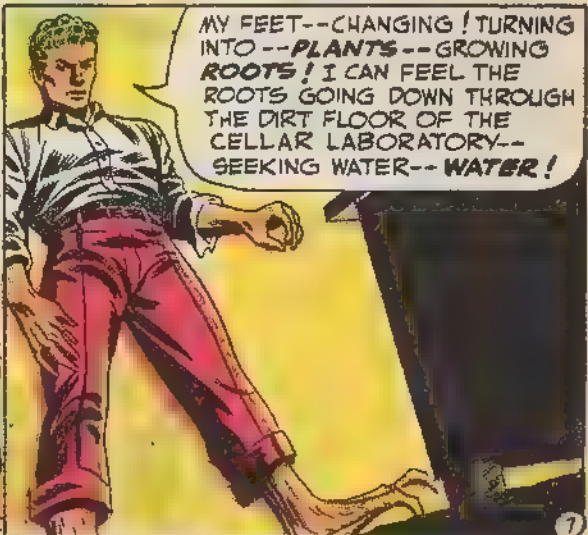
THIS WEATHER IS UNSEASONABLE. IT'S SO DRY-- SO HOT!



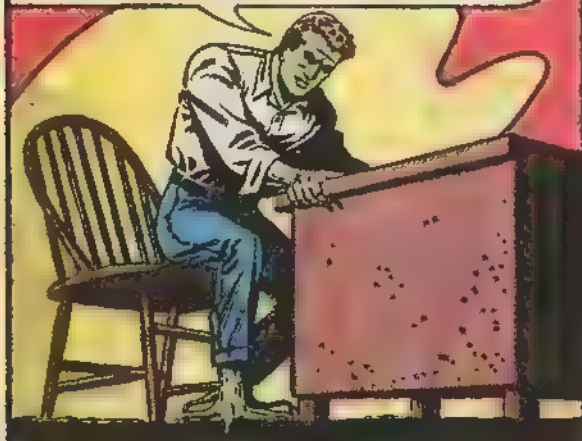
AS I WRITE, THE CRAVING FOR WATER BECOMES UNBEARABLE! I MUST GET UP AND GO TO THE BROOK... BUT WHEN I STAND UP AND TRY TO WALK...



MY FEET--CHANGING! TURNING INTO --PLANTS-- GROWING ROOTS! I CAN FEEL THE ROOTS GOING DOWN THROUGH THE DIRT FLOOR OF THE CELLAR LABORATORY-- SEEKING WATER-- WATER!

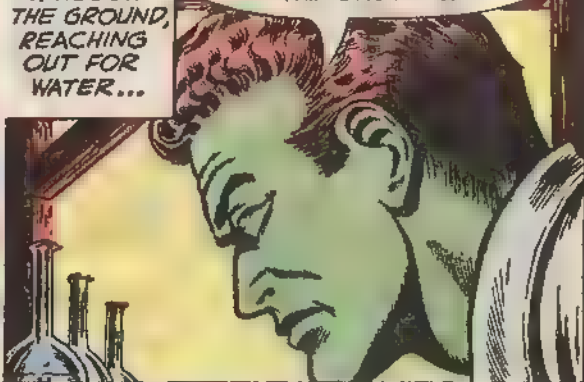


GOT TO PULL FREE ... SOMEHOW! MUST REACH WATER ... TO LOOSEN THE CAL-
CIFYING EFFECT OF THE CHLOROPHYLL!

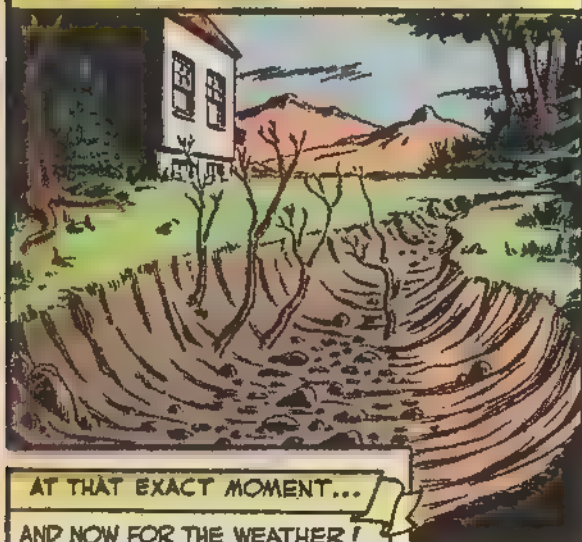


I CAN FEEL THE ROOTS OF MY FEET SLITHERING THROUGH THE GROUND, REACHING OUT FOR WATER...

CHANGING INTO A TREE! THE CHLOROPHYLL IS SOLIDIFYING RAPIDLY! IF I CAN ONLY GET WATER ... MY FEET-ROOTS ... REACHING OUT ... CLOSE TO THE BROOK ...



DISASTER! MY FEET-ROOTS TOUCH DRY SOIL ... THE BROOK HAS DRIED UP!

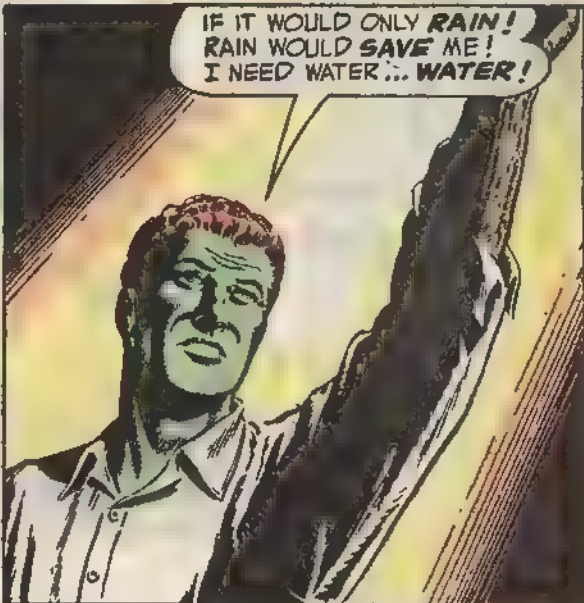


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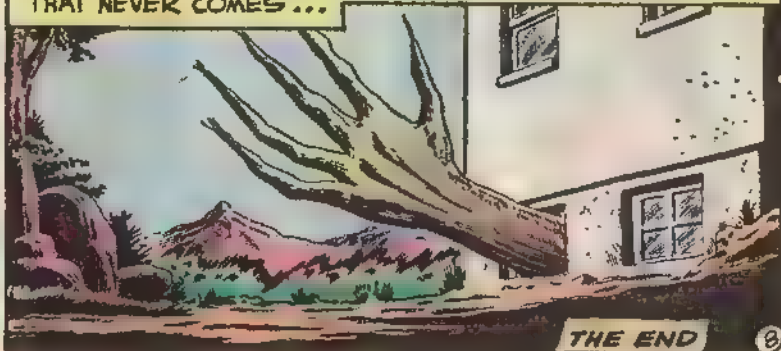
AND NOW FOR THE WEATHER! LATEST REPORTS STATE THAT THE DRY SPELL IS HERE TO STAY. NO RAIN IS EXPECTED FOR THE NEXT TEN DAYS! FOREST FIRE WARDENS ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR...



IF IT WOULD ONLY RAIN! RAIN WOULD SAVE ME! I NEED WATER ... WATER!



AND IN DR. SYLVAN'S CABIN, AN ODDLY DISTORTED TREE-TRUNK BURSTS ITS CONFINES, REACHING UPWARD TOWARD SUNLIGHT, AS IF SEEKING RAIN -- LIFE-GIVING RAIN THAT NEVER COMES ...



THE END

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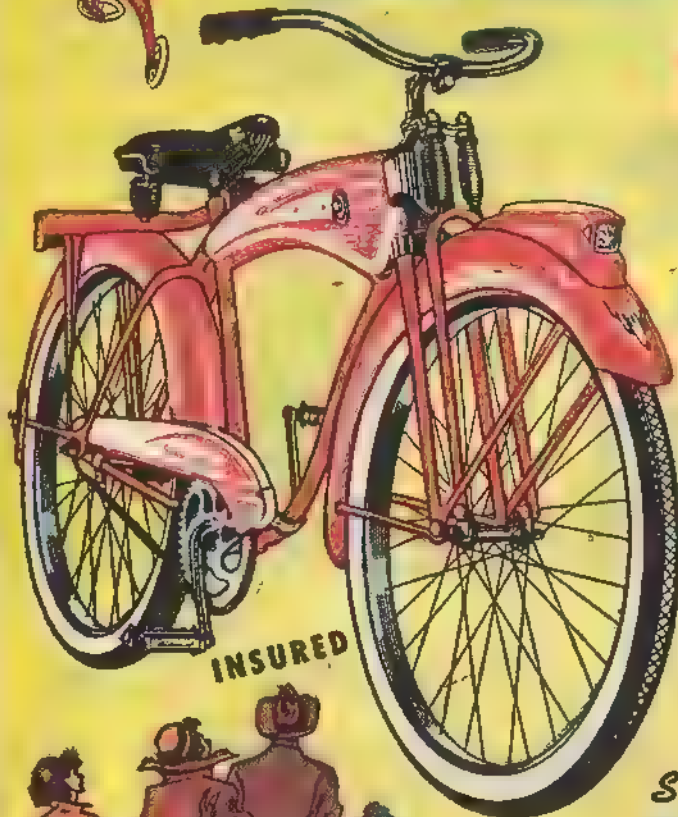
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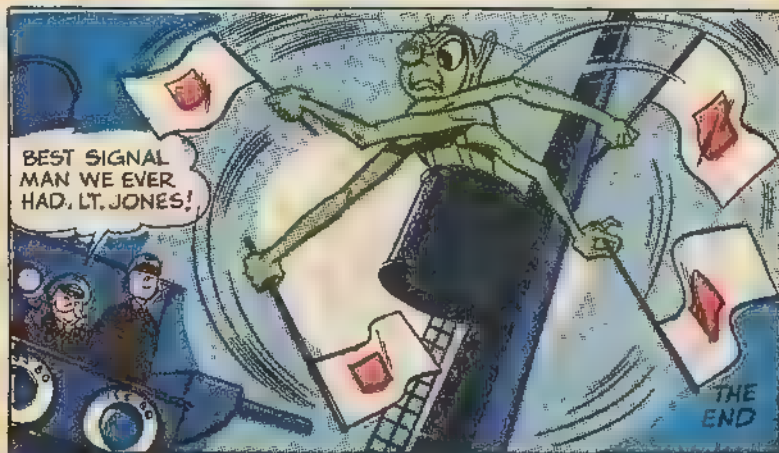
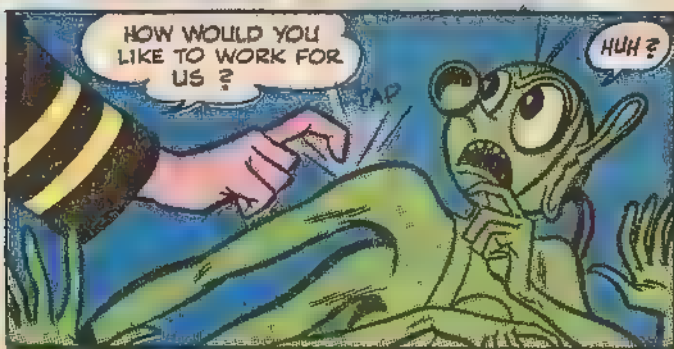
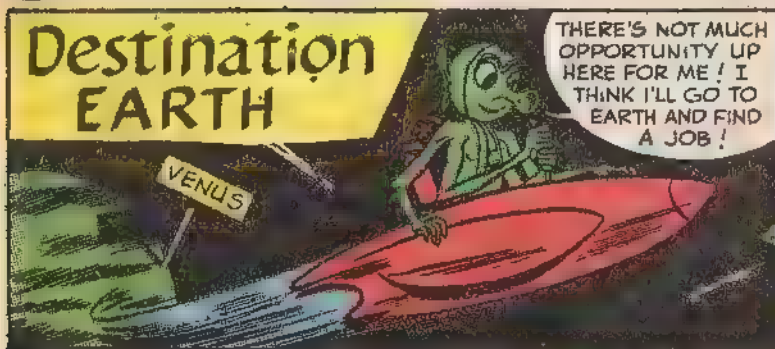


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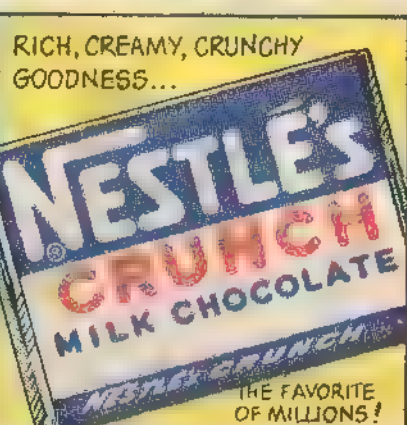
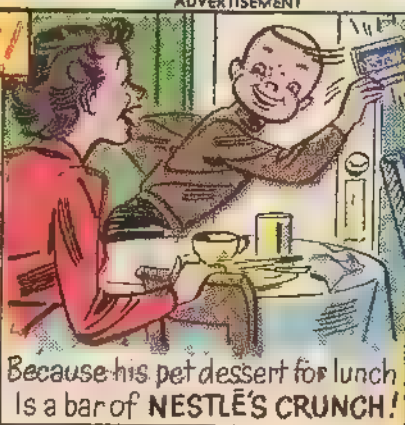
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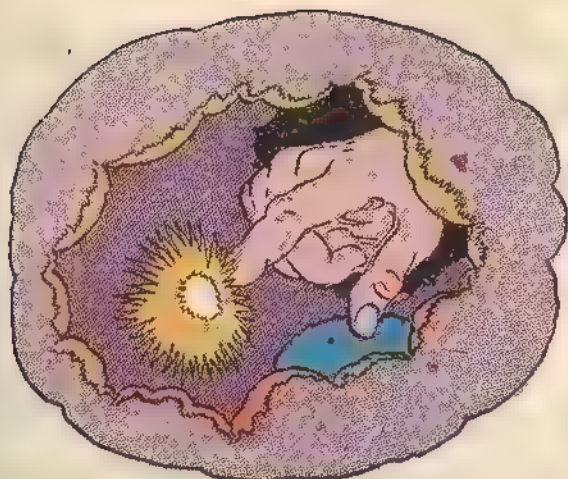


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General Science Quiz

... AND THEN THERE WAS LIGHT!

(Below are 10 statements designed to test your knowledge of *light*. If you think the facts as stated are completely correct, answer *true*; but if they are partly or all erroneous, answer *false*. For each number correctly answered, credit yourself with 4 points.)

1. The first successful attempt to measure the speed of light was made by the Danish astronomer Olaf Roemer, who arrived at the figure of 192,000 miles per second.

2. The bending of a light wave as it passes the edge of an obstacle is called refraction.

3. Almost every object we see is visible because of its ability to reflect light.

4. Highly polished metal surfaces make the best reflectors of light.

5. Light travels faster through water than it does through air.

6. If a source of light is approaching the observer, there is a shift in color toward the violet end of the spectrum.

7. The light from a reading lamp that has polarized glass surrounding the source produces less glare than unpolarized light.

8. Our eyes are sensitive to a greater range of light frequencies than our ears are to sound frequencies.

9. The group of electromagnetic radiations having wave lengths just too short to be visible is called ultra-violet light.

10. Black light is composed of all the colors of the visible spectrum.

METALLIC MYSTERIES

(Herewith are presented 10 facts about *metals*. As stated, only one of a trio of statements is correct. Make your pick and take 2 points for each correct choice.)

1. Most metals are solids at ordinary temperatures and have comparatively high melting points, the exception being (a) gold, (b) iron, (c) mercury.

2. The best metallic conductor of heat and electricity is (a) copper, (b) silver, (c) tin.

3. The number of metals that occur naturally in the free state is (a) none, (b) few, (c) many.

4. When oxygen is liberated from a metal, the process is called (a) reduction, (b) subtraction, (c) elimination.

5. A highly useful property of metals is their ability to mix with each other to form (a) alloys, (b) colloids, (c) magnets.

6. Gold may be drawn out into a very fine wire because of its higher (a) tensile strength, (b) malleability, (c) ductility.

7. All potassium substances impart a characteristic (a) violet, (b) green, (c) orange color to the bunsen flame.

8. The principal metallic ore mined in the United States is (a) copper sulphate, (b) ferric oxide, (c) tin.

9. The metal common to chalcocite, malachite, and cuprite is (a) sulphur, (b) oxygen, (c) copper.

10. The Bessemer process is used in the manufacture of (a) pure aluminum, (b) steel, (c) poison gas.

"WHATEVER GOES UP . . ."

(Fill in the missing word that will correctly complete the following facts about *gravitation*. Each word correctly filled in is worth 5 points.)

1. Newton's law of gravity states that every particle of matter attracts every other particle with a force that is . . . to the product of the masses and to the inverse square of the distance.

2. The Einstein concept of gravity visualizes a space so warped by the presence of surrounding masses that a particle projected into empty space follows a path that is more or less a complicated . . .

3. At any point on the earth's surface, the earth's gravitational attraction is directed approximately toward the earth's . . .

4. Since the earth rotates, the "weight" of a body is somewhat . . .

than the earth's attraction for it, because of the centrifugal force.

5. A particle weighs . . . at the earth's poles than it does at the equator.

CONSTELLATION CHARADES!

(Celestial map-makers have grouped stars together, giving them the names of constellations. Here are five constellations you should know—if it weren't for the fact that the letters have been so scrambled that they can't be recognized. Re-arrange the letters correctly so that they give the name of a constellation, and take 3 points for each constellation correctly deciphered.)

1. R O O N I
2. G E M O A
3. P R I S S C U O
4. R E S T N U C U A
5. T T S S A A I I R U G

ANSWERS

And Then There Was Light: 1, true. 2, false. 3, true. 4, true. 5, false. 6, true. 7, true. 8, false. 9, true. 10, false.

Metallic Mysteries: 1, c. 2, b. 3, b. 4, a. 5, a. 6, c. 7, a. 8, b. 9, c. 10, b.

"Whatever Goes Up . . .": 1, proportional. 2, curve. 3, center. 4, less. 5, more.

Constellation Charades: 1, Orion. 2, Omega. 3, Scorpius. 4, Centaurus. 5, Sagittarius.

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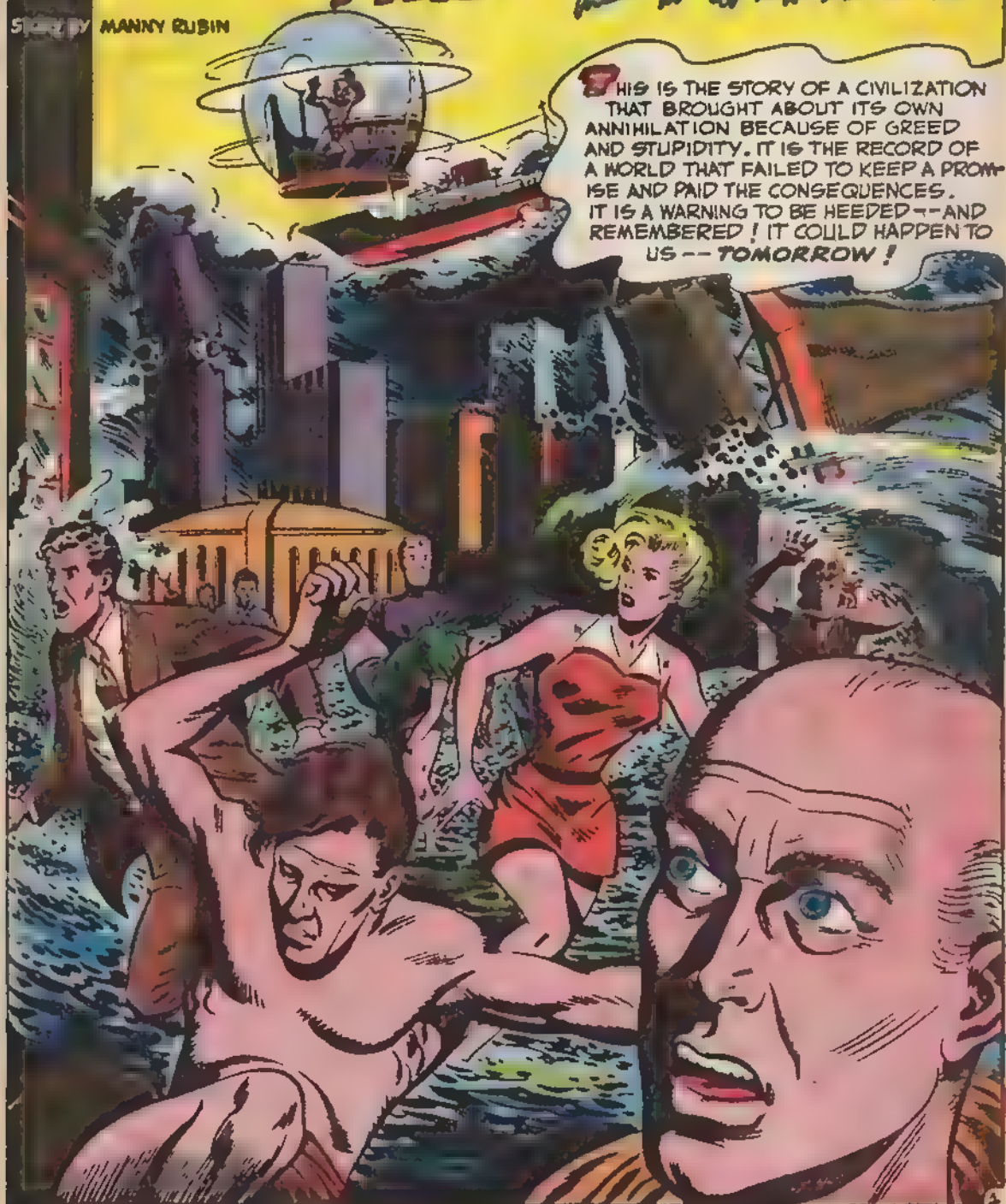
- Between 90 and 100—super-scientist.
Between 75 and 90—master-scientist.
Between 60 and 75—apprentice-scientist.
Between 0 and 60—non-scientist.



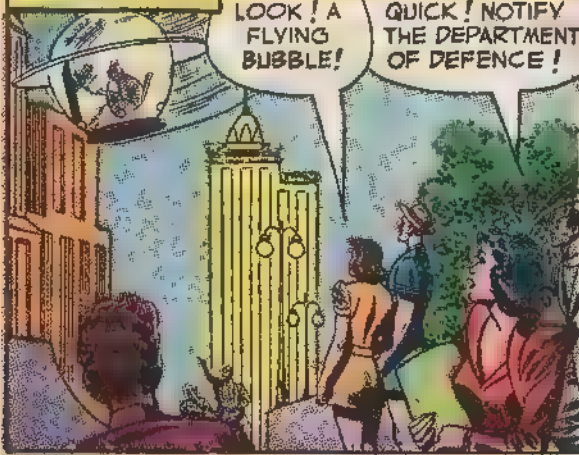
THE WORLD THAT Drowned

STORY BY MANNY RUBIN

THIS IS THE STORY OF A CIVILIZATION THAT BROUGHT ABOUT ITS OWN ANNIHILATION BECAUSE OF GREED AND STUPIDITY. IT IS THE RECORD OF A WORLD THAT FAILED TO KEEP A PROMISE AND PAID THE CONSEQUENCES. IT IS A WARNING TO BE HEEDED -- AND REMEMBERED! IT COULD HAPPEN TO US -- TOMORROW!



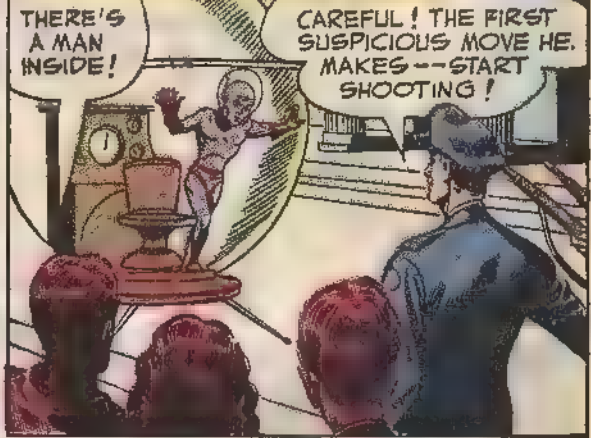
ONE AFTERNOON OVER THE LARGEST CITY OF EARTH, A STARTLING SIGHT SUDDENLY APPEARS...



LOOK! A FLYING BUBBLE!

QUICK! NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE!

MOMENTS LATER, THE STRANGE MACHINE LANDS ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE GREAT CITY'S MUNICIPAL BUILDING...

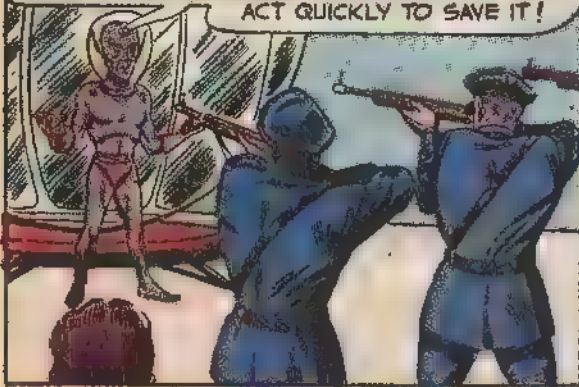


THERE'S A MAN INSIDE!

CAREFUL! THE FIRST SUSPICIOUS MOVE HE MAKES--START SHOOTING!

FINALLY WHEN THE VISITOR FROM SPACE STEPS OUT...

PEOPLE OF EARTH, I SPEAK TO YOU THROUGH MY TELEPATHIC COMMUNICATOR! YOUR WORLD IS IN GREAT DANGER AND WE MUST ACT QUICKLY TO SAVE IT!



WHO ARE YOU AND WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

I AM ISMENE FROM THE PLANET TROEZAN. MY UNIVERSE IS IN AN EXTRA-GALACTIC NEBULA FAR BEYOND YOUR SOLAR SYSTEM. WE HAVE DISCOVERED THAT EARTH IS IN TERRIBLE PERIL, AND I HAVE BEEN SENT TO GIVE WARNING!



SEVERAL MINUTES MORE AND OFFICIALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE ARRIVE TO INVESTIGATE THE INTERSTELLAR VISITOR...

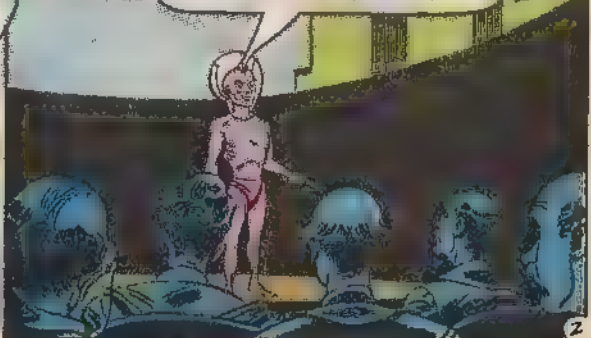
WE HAVE CHECKED YOUR PAPERS AND YOUR SPACE-SHIP AND WE BELIEVE THAT YOU COME FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE-- BUT WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM US?

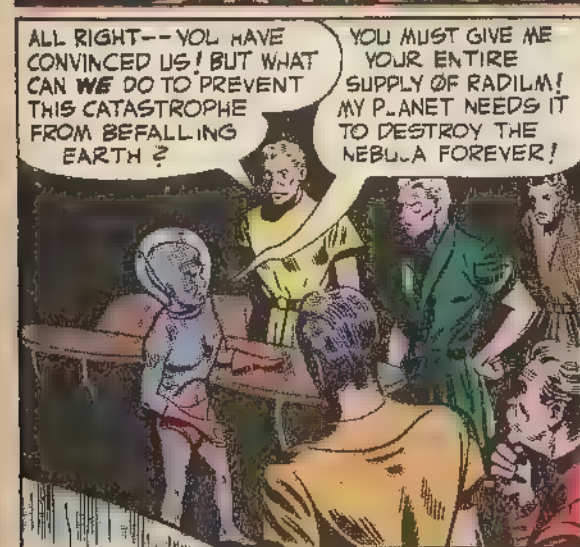
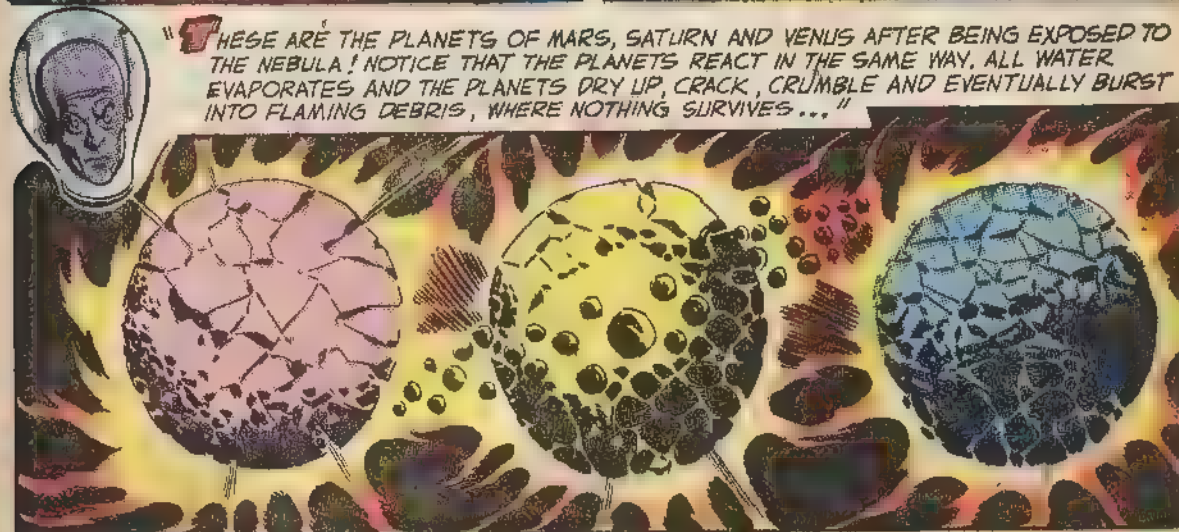
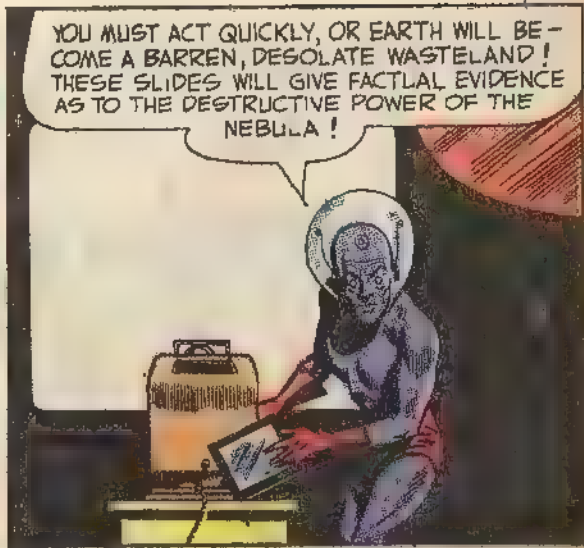
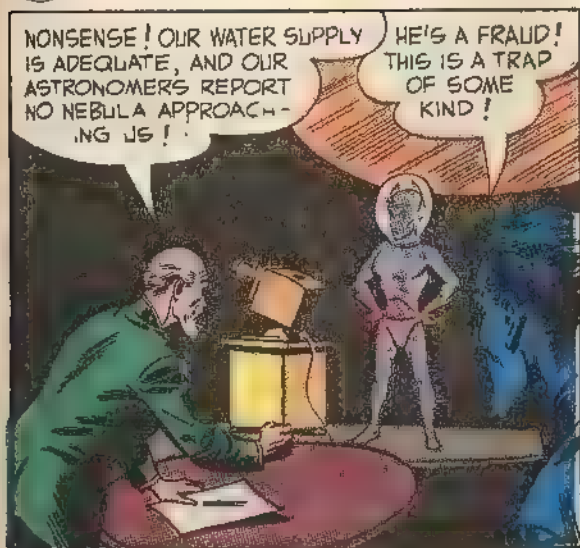
I MUST SPEAK TO YOUR TOP SCIENTISTS AT ONCE! ONLY THEY WILL UNDERSTAND THE PERIL THAT WILL SOON MENACE YOUR WORLD!



QUICKLY, ISMENE IS CONDUCTED TO THE BUILDING THAT HOUSES THE FEDERATION OF WORLD SCIENTISTS...

MEN OF SCIENCE-- HEED MY WARNING! IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS YOUR WORLD WILL PASS THROUGH AN UNSEEN NEBULA THAT WILL CRYSTALLIZE YOUR WATER SUPPLY...







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MEANWHILE--IN THE BUREAU OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON THE PLANET TROEZAN ...

ACCORDING TO OUR CALCULATIONS, EARTH IS ENTERING THE NEBULA TODAY. THAT MEANS WE HAVE A WEEK IN WHICH TO DESTROY IT.

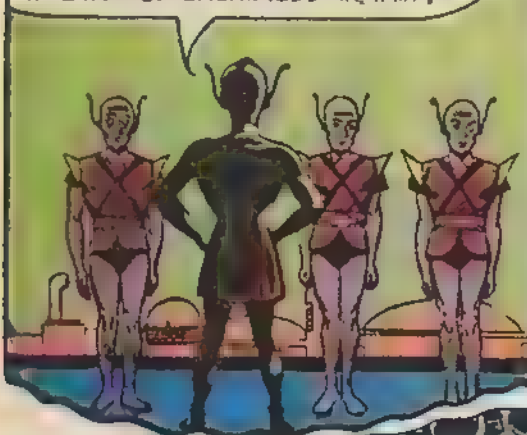
WHAT ABOUT THE RADIUM, CAPT. TAGU? WILL IT ARRIVE IN TIME?



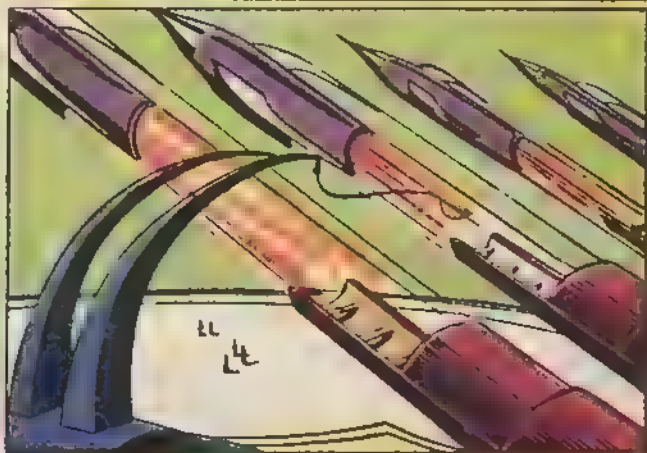
OUR SUPPLY OF RADIUM AT PRESENT IS ENOUGH TO PREVENT THE NEBULA FROM ATTAINING FULL CRYSTALLIZATION, BUT WE HAVE NOTHING TO STOP THE REACTION THAT WILL FOLLOW!



YOU VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS MISSION WILL SOMEDAY BE HONORED BY THE PEOPLES OF TWO WORLDS! WE MAY NOT ALL RETURN, BUT WE KNOW THAT OUR LIVES WILL NOT BE SACRIFICED IN VAIN!



SOON AFTER, AT THE GREAT ROCKET SHIP BASE ON TROEZAN, A FLEET OF SPACE-SHIPS TAKES OFF...



IN THE LEAD SHIP...

ADJUST YOUR RADIO-SCOPIC GLASSES. WE WILL REACH THE CENTER OF THE NEBULA IN TWO MINUTES!



THEN INTO THE VERY HEART OF THE BLAZING NEBULA ...

DO NOT WASTE YOUR RADIUM. IT MUST LAST UNTIL ISMENE RETURNS FROM EARTH. REMEMBER, THE FATE OF A WORLD LIES IN OUR HANDS!





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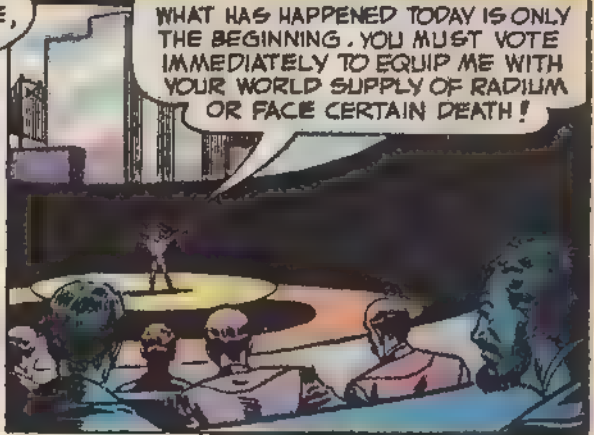
BACK ON EARTH, THE FIRST SIGNS OF IMPENDING DOOM ...

REPORTS COMING IN NOW INDICATE A SUDDEN DECREASE IN THE WATER SUPPLY, JUST AS ISMENE, THE STRANGER FROM THE PLANET TROEZAN, PREDICTED!



LATER AT A MIDNIGHT SESSION CALLED BY THE FEDERATION OF WORLD SCIENTISTS, ISMENE DELIVERS HIS FINAL WARNING ...

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TODAY IS ONLY THE BEGINNING. YOU MUST VOTE IMMEDIATELY TO EQUIP ME WITH YOUR WORLD SUPPLY OF RADIUM OR FACE CERTAIN DEATH!

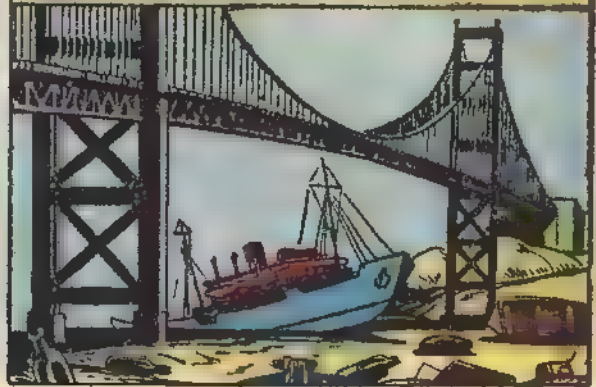


AN HOUR LATER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SCIENCE FEDERATION ANNOUNCES THE RESULTS OF THE BALLOT...

IT IS THE UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THIS FEDERATION TO ALLOCATE EARTH'S ENTIRE SUPPLY OF RADIUM TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE NEBULA!



IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, AS THE SCIENTISTS OF EARTH RETURN TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES TO COLLECT THE SEPARATE PILES OF RADIUM, THE STRANGE CHEMICAL EVAPORATION OF WATER CONTINUES...

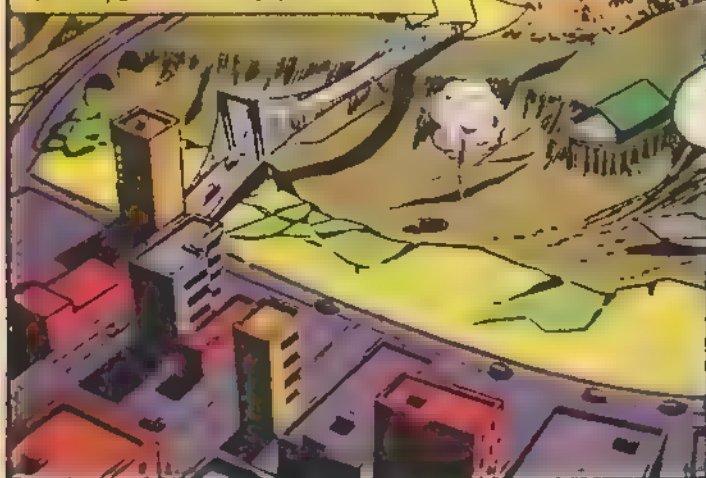


AS THE DRYING UP PROCESS SLOWLY EXHAUSTS THE MOISTURE OF THE WORLD, WATER SUDDENLY BECOMES THE MOST PRECIOUS THING ON EARTH ...

PLEASE SHOW YOUR WATER RATION CARD AS YOU PASS!



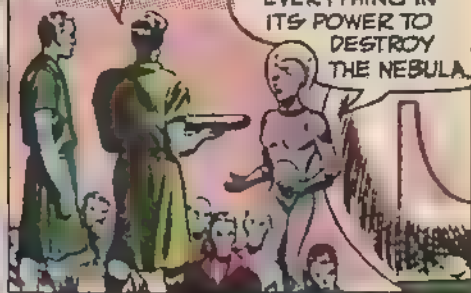
THE DAYS PASS, AND MORE RIVERS, LAKES SEAS DISSOLVE...



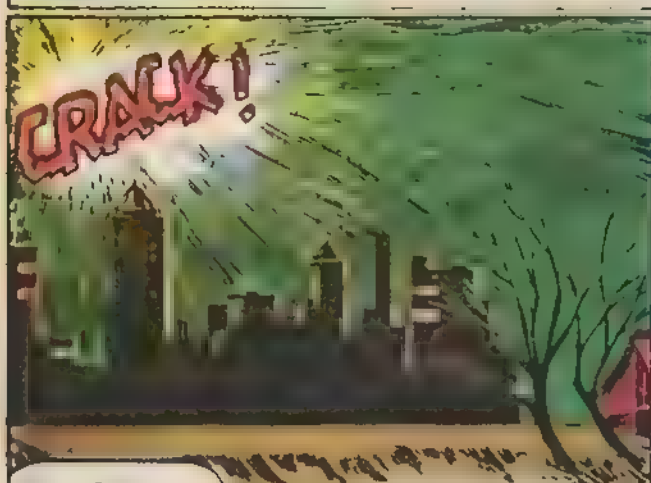
FINALLY THE DAY ARRIVES WHEN THE SCIENTISTS REASSEMBLE TO PRESENT ISMENE WITH EARTH'S ENTIRE RADIUM DEPOSITS...

HERE IS OUR RADIUM! YOU MUST SAVE US! ONLY HURRY, ISMENE, HURRY!

I LEAVE IMMEDIATELY FOR TROEZAN. I PROMISE MY PLANET WILL DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO DESTROY THE NEBULA.



SUDDENLY A GIGANTIC EXPLOSION LIGHTS UP THE SKY...



HELP! IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD!

WE DELAYED TOO LONG! THE NEBULA HAS EXPLODED!



AT LAST, MY COUNTRYMEN HAVE "RADIUM-BOMBED" THE NEBULA! NOW I MUST RETURN TO TROEZAN QUICKER THAN EVER!

LOOK! IT'S STARTING TO RAIN!



AND AS THE HAZE CREATED BY THE EXPLOSION DISAPPEARS, THE CROWD BEHOLDS A WELCOME SIGHT...

IT'S A MIRAGE...THERE SEEMS TO BE WATER IN THE LAKE...

NO, IT'S REAL! WATER IS RETURNING EVERYWHERE! WE'RE SAVED!



LIKE A STAMPEDING HERD OF THIRSTY CATTLE, THE EAGER THROWS RUSHES TOWARD THE FIRM OF WATER THAT HAS BEGUN TO COVER THE LAKE.

WATER! COOL, REFRESHING WATER!

DRINK! DRINK!



BACK ON THE STEPS OF THE FEDERATION OF SCIENCE BUILDING...

EARTH PEOPLE, LISTEN TO ME! THE DANGER HAS NOT PASSED! I MUST HAVE YOUR SUPPLY OF RADIUM AT ONCE. THE NEBULA IS STILL ACTIVE!



IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THE NEBULA DESTROYED ITSELF WITHOUT ANY OUTSIDE HELP!

WHAT POSSIBLE USE COULD OUR RADIUM BE TO ISMENE NOW? I THINK THIS HAS ALL BEEN A TRICK TO DECEIVE US!



THE PROMISE TO GIVE AWAY OUR VALUABLE RADIUM WAS OBTAINED UNDER FALSE PRETENSES!

I SAY NOW THAT WE'VE GOT OUR WATER BACK, LET'S THROW OUT THE FALSE PROPHET!



AGAIN A VOTE IS TAKEN...

AS THE WATERS CONTINUE TO RISE, LIFE ON EARTH SLOWLY RETURNS TO NORMAL...

GENTLEMEN, I BEG YOU NOT TO GO BACK ON YOUR PROMISE! A CHAIN REACTION HAS STARTED THAT MUST BE CHANNELIZED WITH THE USE OF RADIUM!



IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS BOARD THAT GIVING YOU OUR RADIUM WOULD NOT BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF EARTH. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO LEAVE OUR PLANET IMMEDIATELY!





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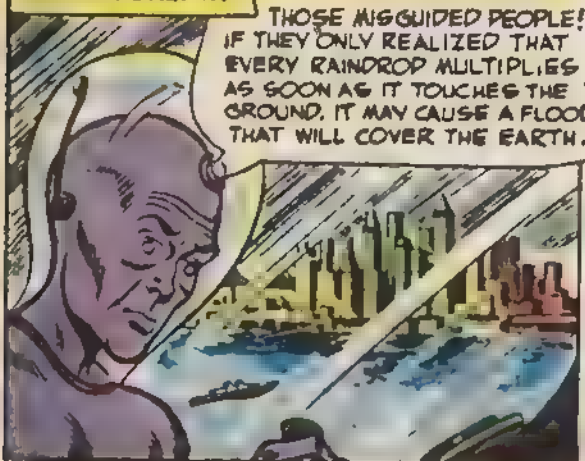
MINUTES LATER, A SAD AND DISILLUSSIONED ISMENE IS CONDUCTED BACK TO HIS SPACE-SHIP UNDER HEAVY GUARD...



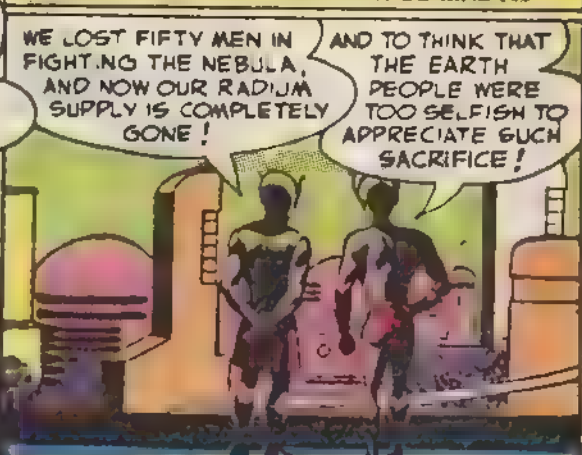
YOU ARE MAKING A GRAVE MISTAKE, BUT I HOLD NO MALICE. I LEAVE BEHIND THIS RADIO-CONTROLLED ROCKET, WHICH YOU CAN USE TO SEND ME THE RADIUM. I ONLY HOPE IT ARRIVES IN TIME.



AS THE SPACE TRAVELER HEADS BACK FOR HIS NATIVE WORLD...



THREE DAYS LATER--ISMENE REPORTS TO THE TROEZAN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BUREAU...



THEY WILL PAY HEAVILY FOR THEIR GREED. WITHOUT RADIUM, WE ARE UNABLE TO STOP THE REACTION THAT FOLLOWS THE NEBULA'S DECRYSTALLIZATION.

IN A WEEK THEIR ENTIRE WORLD WILL BE SUB-MERGED.



EVEN AS ISMENE SPEAKS, THE PEOPLE ON EARTH ARE WAKING UP TO THE FACT THAT SOMETHING STRANGE IS GOING ON IN THEIR WORLD...

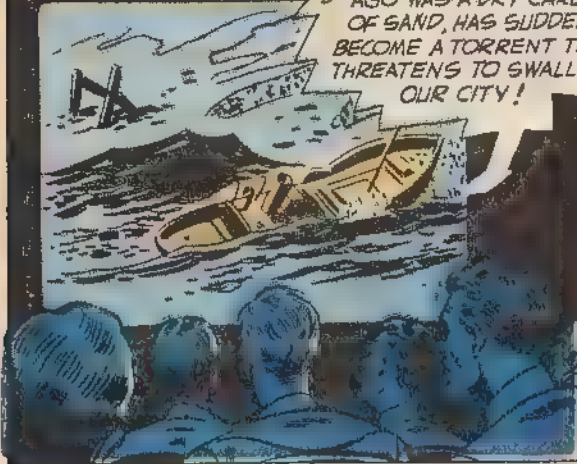
SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AGO I WOULD HAVE DIED FOR A DRINK OF WATER. NOW, I DON'T CARE IF I EVER SEE A DROP OF WATER AGAIN!

IF IT WOULD ONLY STOP RAINING!



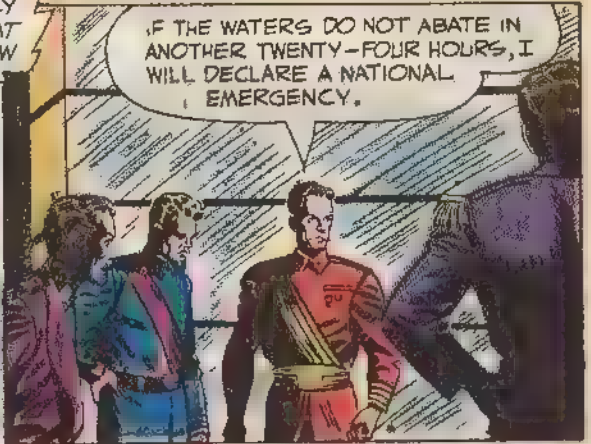
ANOTHER DAY GOES BY...

THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, WHICH ONLY FOUR DAYS AGO WAS A DRY CAKE OF SAND, HAS SUDDENLY BECOME A TORRENT THAT THREATENS TO SWALLOW OUR CITY!



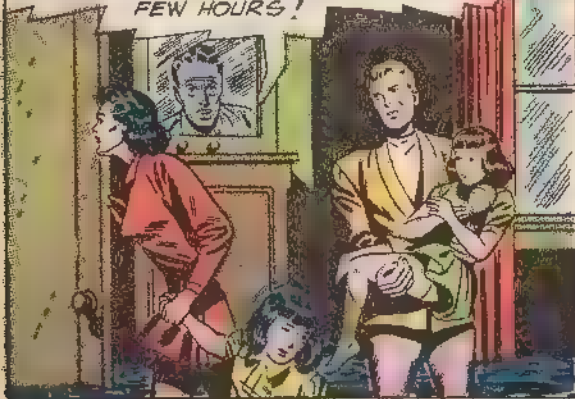
AS THE SITUATION BECOMES MORE ALARMING, THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF EARTH CALLS A MEETING OF HIS CABINET...

IF THE WATERS DO NOT ABATE IN ANOTHER TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, I WILL DECLARE A NATIONAL EMERGENCY.



WHEN ANOTHER DAY PASSES AND THE WATERS RISE WITH INCREASING FURY...

BY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER YOU MUST EVACUATE YOUR HOMES AND BOARD THE SHIPS WAITING IN THE HARBOR. A TIDAL WAVE IS EXPECTED IN THE NEXT FEW HOURS!



HURRY! THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT!

IF WE HAD ONLY LISTENED TO THE STRANGER FROM TROEZAN!



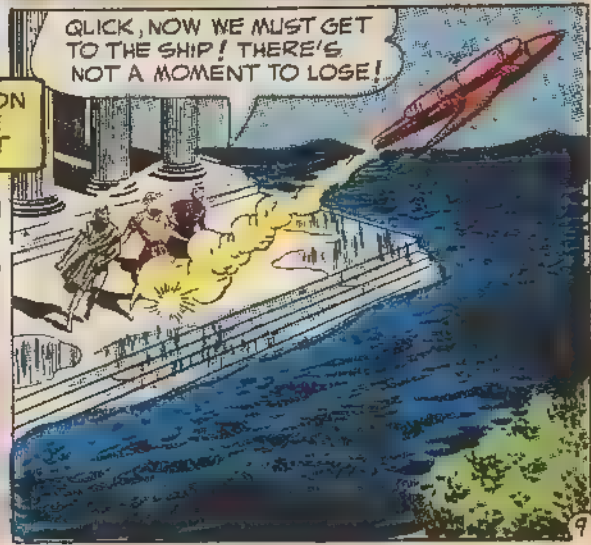
BACK AT THE HALF-FLOODED WORLD FEDERATION OF SCIENCE BUILDING, A GROUP OF DESPERATE SCIENTISTS BAND TOGETHER IN A FINAL EFFORT TO SAVE THEIR WORLD...

WE WAITED TOO LONG! IT WILL NEVER REACH TROEZAN IN TIME!

STRAP ON THE RADIIUM TIGHT! IT'S OUR LAST CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL!



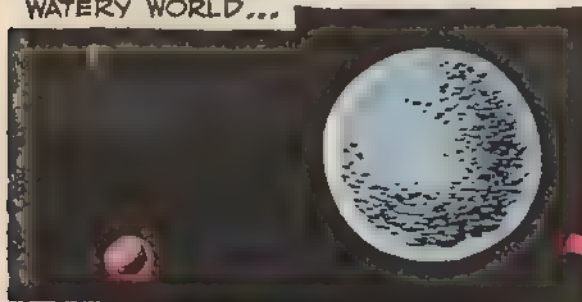
QUICK, NOW WE MUST GET TO THE SHIP! THERE'S NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE!



BUT AS THEY RACE TOWARD THE SHIP, A TREMENDOUS TIDAL WAVE CRASHES DOWN UPON THEM...



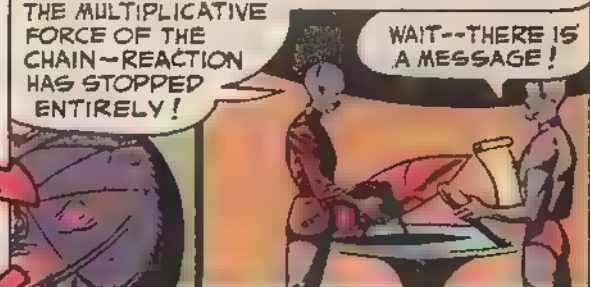
AFTER WEEKS OF RUMBLING, SWEEPING DESTRUCTION, THE DELUGE CEASES, AND THE SUN LOOKS DOWN UPON A LIFELESS, WATERY WORLD...



AT THE SAME TIME ON THE PLANET TROEZAN FAR BEYOND OUR GALACTIC UNIVERSE...

ONE OF OUR MEN FOUND YOUR RADIUM-ROCKET THIS MORNING, ISMENE. BY THIS TIME NOTHING CAN BE LEFT ALIVE ON THEIR WORLD, THOUGH THE MULTIPLICATIVE FORCE OF THE CHAIN-REACTION HAS STOPPED ENTIRELY!

WAIT--THERE IS A MESSAGE!



We ask your forgiveness and send our entire supply of radium. Help save our civilization!

THE PEOPLE OF ATLANTIS

WHAT IS TO BECOME OF THAT EARTH WORLD NOW, CAPTAIN?

PERHAPS IN TIME THE WATERS WILL SUBSIDE, AND A NEW CIVILIZATION WILL RISE FROM THE RUINS... BUT AS FOR THE WORLD OF ATLANTIS, THAT IS LOST FOREVER!



THE END



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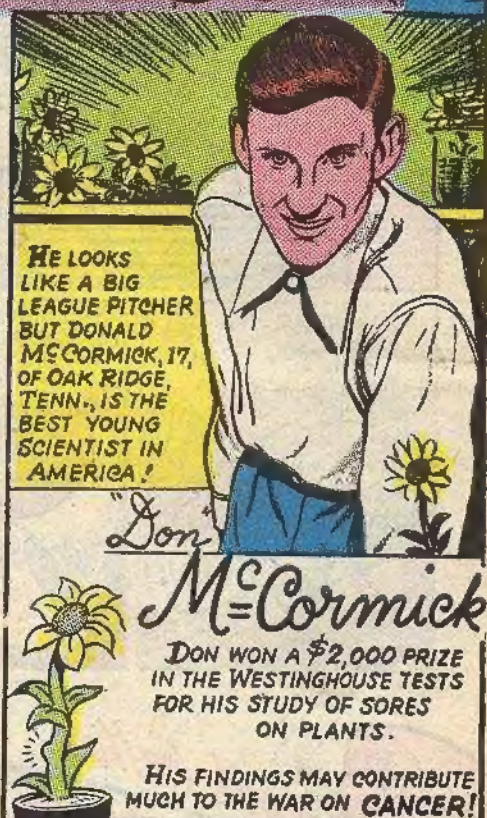


STOVEPIPE TO THE STARS!
Joel Finnegan
18

MADE AN AMAZING TELESCOPE IN HIS GARY, IND., CELLAR. THE YOUNG SCIENTIST GROUND HIS OWN REFLECTOR AND BUILT A GADGET TO TEST IT FOR THE MOST MINUTE FLAWS!

JOEL'S WORK WON HIM A SCHOLARSHIP IN A BIG NATIONAL CONTEST.

GOTTA GET IT RIGHT!



HE LOOKS LIKE A BIG LEAGUE PITCHER BUT DONALD MCCORMICK, 17, OF OAK RIDGE, TENN., IS THE BEST YOUNG SCIENTIST IN AMERICA!

Don
McCormick

DON WON A \$2,000 PRIZE IN THE WESTINGHOUSE TESTS FOR HIS STUDY OF SORES ON PLANTS.

HIS FINDINGS MAY CONTRIBUTE MUCH TO THE WAR ON CANCER!



IN HIS BROOKLYN WORKSHOP, 16-YEAR-OLD EDDIE WORKED OUT A TECHNIQUE OF IDENTIFYING ELEMENTS KNOWN AS HALOGENS.

Eddie
Posner

HE BUILT A ONE-TUBE AUDIO AMPLIFIER. EDDIE TAUGHT HIMSELF CALCULUS AND DEvised ORIGINAL GEOMETRY PROOFS! HE'S NOW WORKING ON A TEST FOR THE ACETATE ION.



Henry
Struck

PLENTY OF MONEY CAN BE MADE IN BUILDING MODEL PLANES—IF YOU BUILD THEM GOOD ENOUGH TO WIN AT THE INTERNATIONAL MEET IN DETROIT.

I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT!

AT THE 4TH ANNUAL MEET, HENRY STRUCK OF HAMBURG, GONN., WON A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR AN HONEST-TO-GOODNESS FLYING SAUCER!



LEAVE IT TO Binky

"LOOK FOR THE *Real* REASON!"

HMPH! BINKY IS AS TALKATIVE AS A CLAM! MAYBE HE THINKS IT'S *SMART* TO BE THE STRONG, SILENT TYPE!...

SWEEP SHOP

WELL, TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME! HMM.. THAT ARTICLE I READ--"HOW TO BE A WOMAN OF MYSTERY"--I CAN JUST SEE MYSELF...



HIYA, PEGGY... HI, BINKY...

OH...
HI,
FRED...

CHEER UP, OLD BOY... I DIDN'T MAKE THE TEAM, EITHER. IT'S TOUGH, BUT I'M NOT GONNA LOSE TOO MUCH SLEEP OVER IT. THERE ARE OTHER THINGS A FELLOW CAN DO.



SAY, HOW ABOUT THAT NEW MODEL PLANE WE WERE GONNA BUILD? WE'LL REALLY HAVE SOME TIME NOW TO GO AHEAD WITH IT.

NOT A BAD IDEA, FRED! LET'S SEE, NOW...

SO *THAT'S* WHY BINKY WAS SO SILENT! AND I WAS SO BUSY THINKING OF MY OWN FEELINGS THAT I DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TRYING TO FIND THE REAL REASON! I'LL HAVE TO MAKE IT UP TO HIM...

GOSH--I GUESS NOW I'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP MY PLAN TO BE A WOMAN OF MYSTERY!



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